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INTRODUCTION

Monkey Punch's Arsène Lupin III made his debut in 1967 and over the following 35 years has become one of the most beloved manga characters of all time, inspiring several manga series, multiple television series and a plethora of feature films. Though there are some recurring characters and storylines that span several Lupin episodes, each installment in these early volumes is a self-contained tale of action and intrigue. What is important to know is that Lupin is a master thief who dabbles in other high stakes international games–a dilettante of danger, so to speak; his associates Jigen and Fujiko are as loyal to him as they are to cold hard cash; and his ravenous desire for women is oftentimes his undoing. Lupin is not so much suave as he is crafty, not so much dashing as he is cocky, but he almost always ends up getting exactly what he sets out to get. So, sit back, relax and enjoy this thirteenth volume of stories starring Monkey Punch's original international man of mystery.

CHAPTER 98

"RASPUTIN AND THE WAGER"

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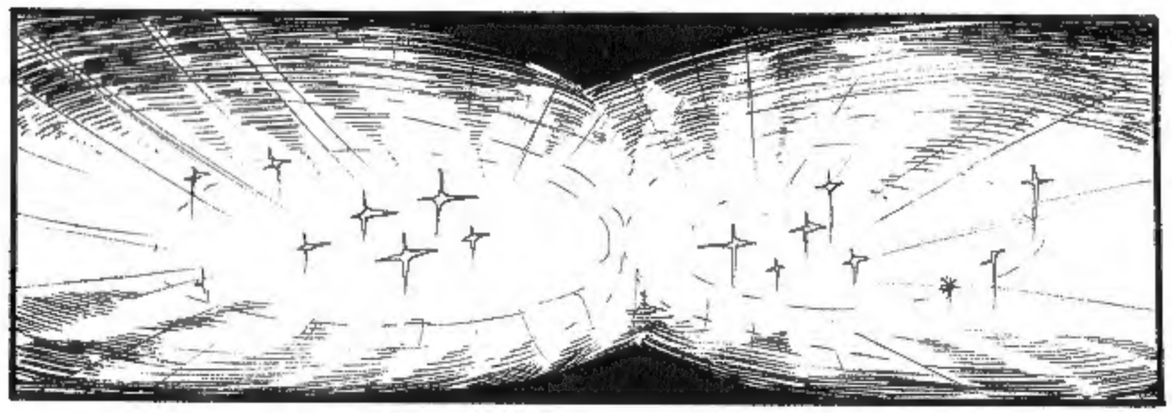
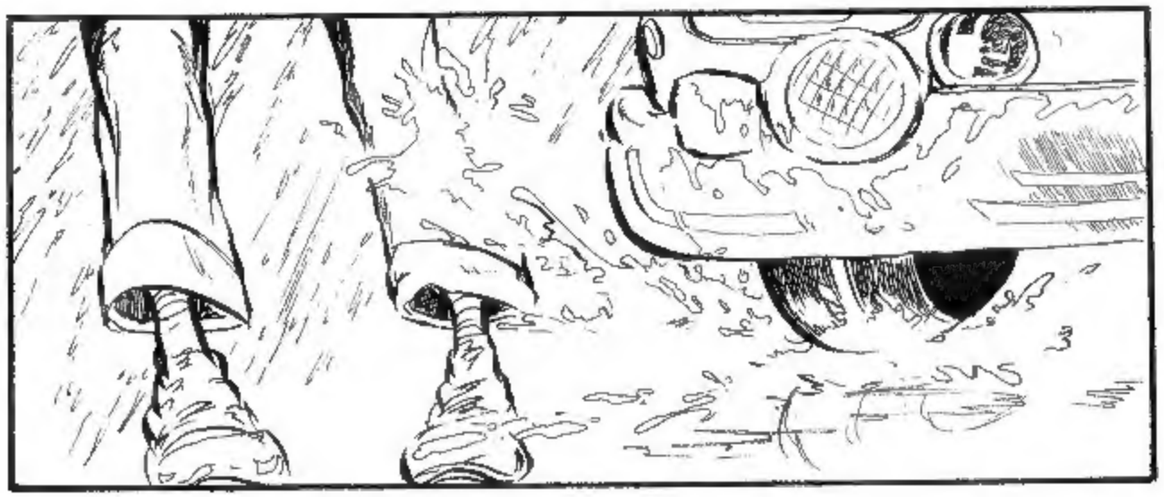




HALT!!

ARE YOU CRAZY?! I ALMOST KILLED YOU!

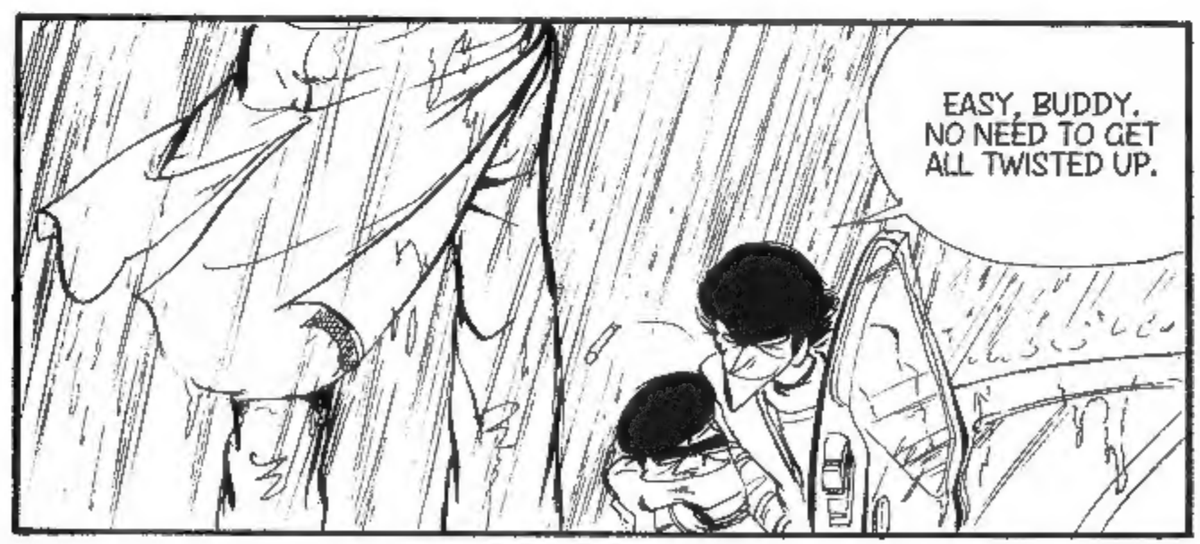
NOW THEY'RE RUINED.
YOU SPLASHED WATER ON MY CLOTHES.
I DEMAND AN APOLOGY.

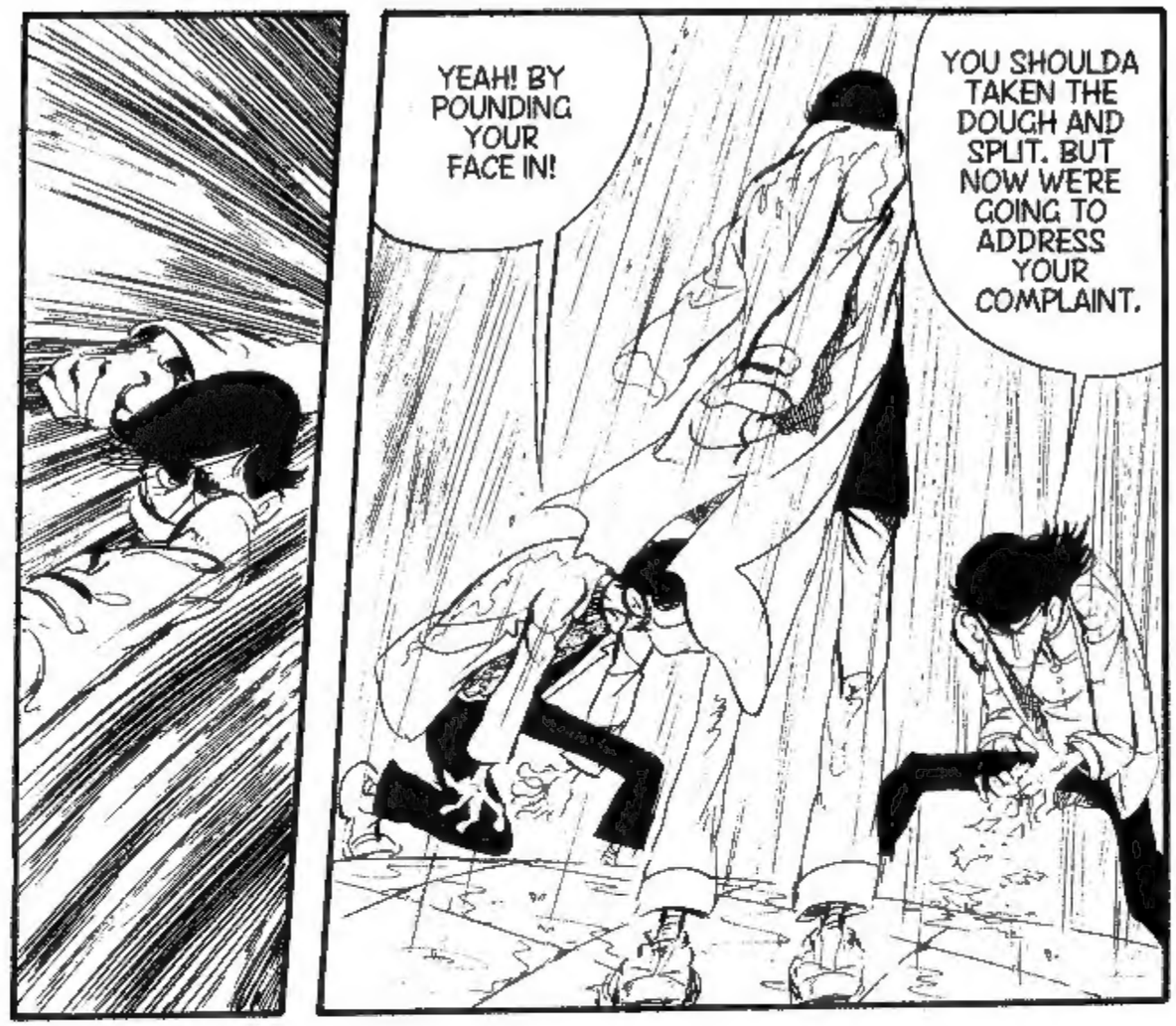
YOU WERE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!
GET A GRIP.

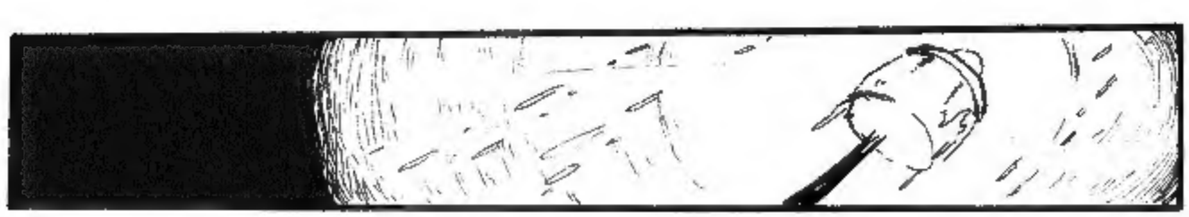
THIS IS THE LOCATION OF THE CROSSWALK, YES?

LOOK...HERE'S SOME MONEY FOR DRY CLEANING.

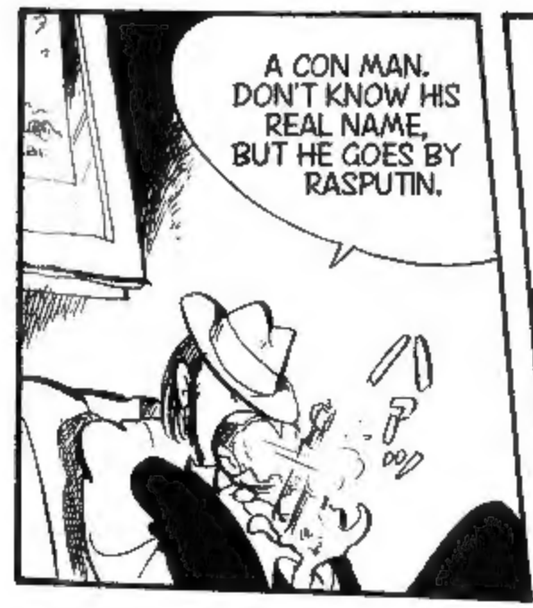
SO YOU REFUSE TO APOLOGIZE.


EASY, BUDDY. NO NEED TO GET ALL TWISTED UP.


YEAH! BY POUNDING YOUR FACE IN!
YOU SHOULDA TAKEN THE DOUGH AND SPLIT. BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS YOUR COMPLAINT.



I WILL GIVE YOU SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR MANNERS.
THEN, WHEN YOU WISH TO APOLOGIZE, COME TO RINHEIJI TEMPLE.

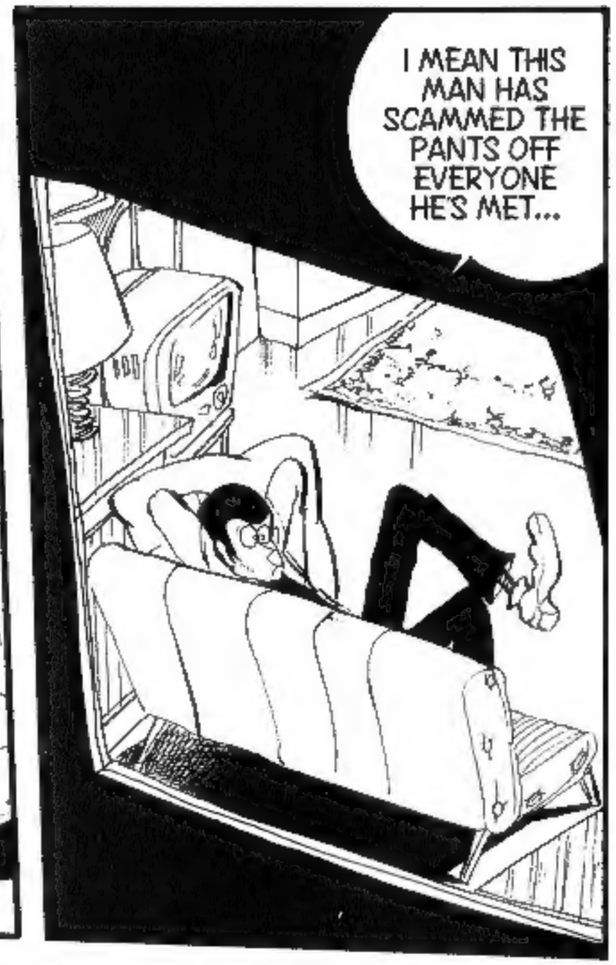

A CON MAN. DON'T KNOW HIS REAL NAME, BUT HE GOES BY RASPUTIN.

HE'S FOUND HIMSELF NEW PREY.
HEY, DID YOU SEE THAT, BOYS?

FORTUNES ARE MADE TO BE STOLEN.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

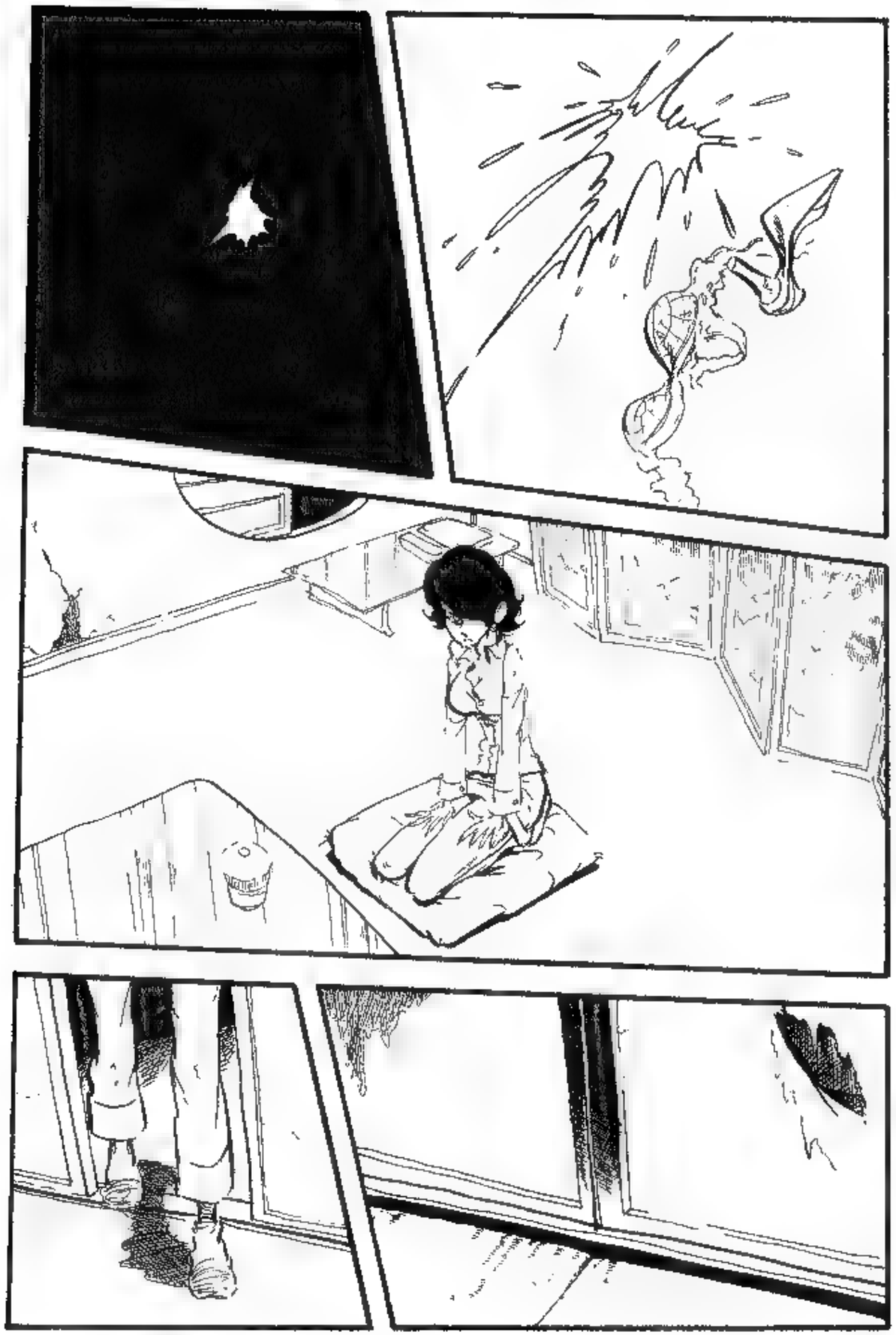
HE'S MADE A FORTUNE IN THE GAME.

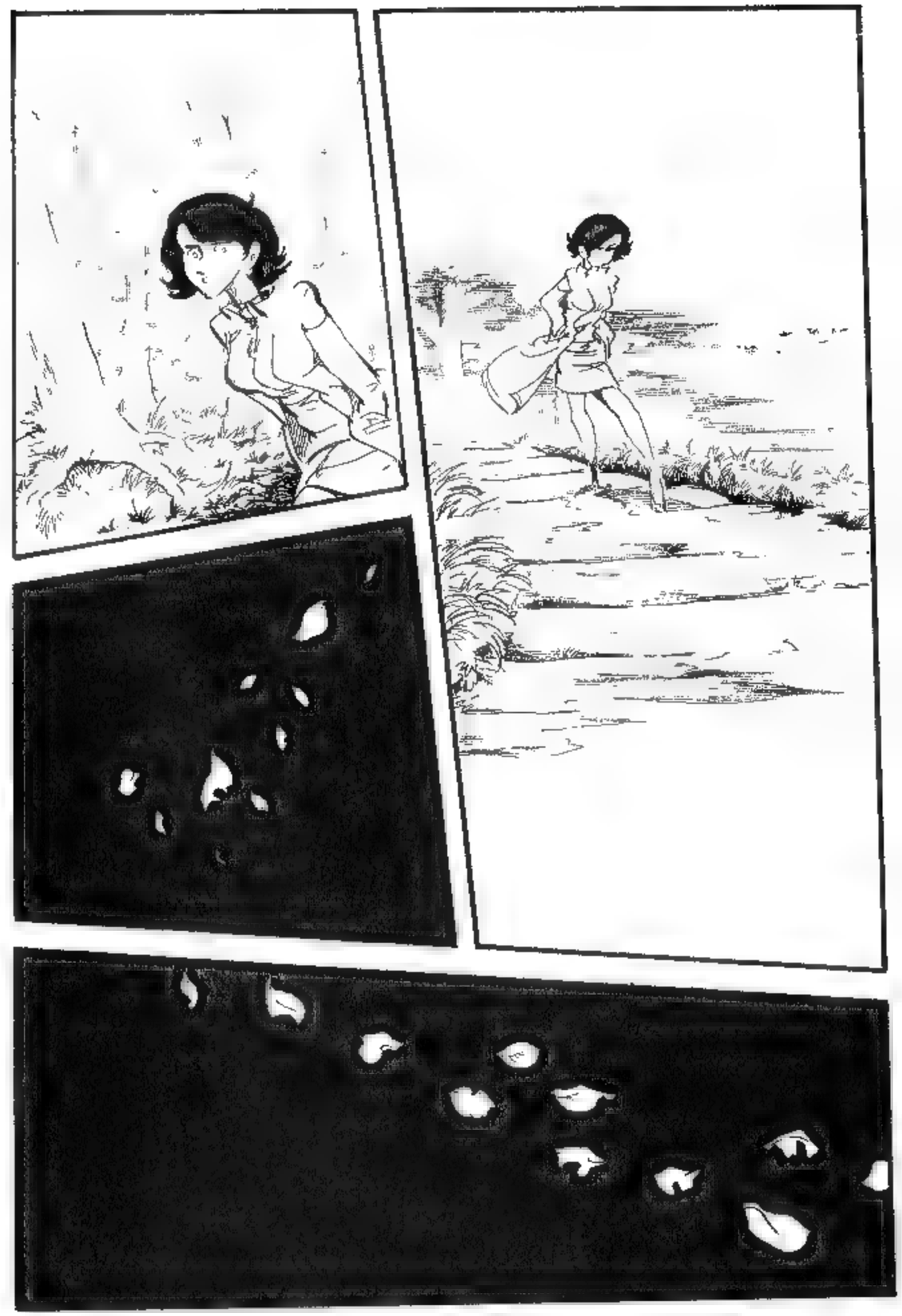
...FLEECED THE SKIN OFF HONEST, HARD-WORKING FOLK!

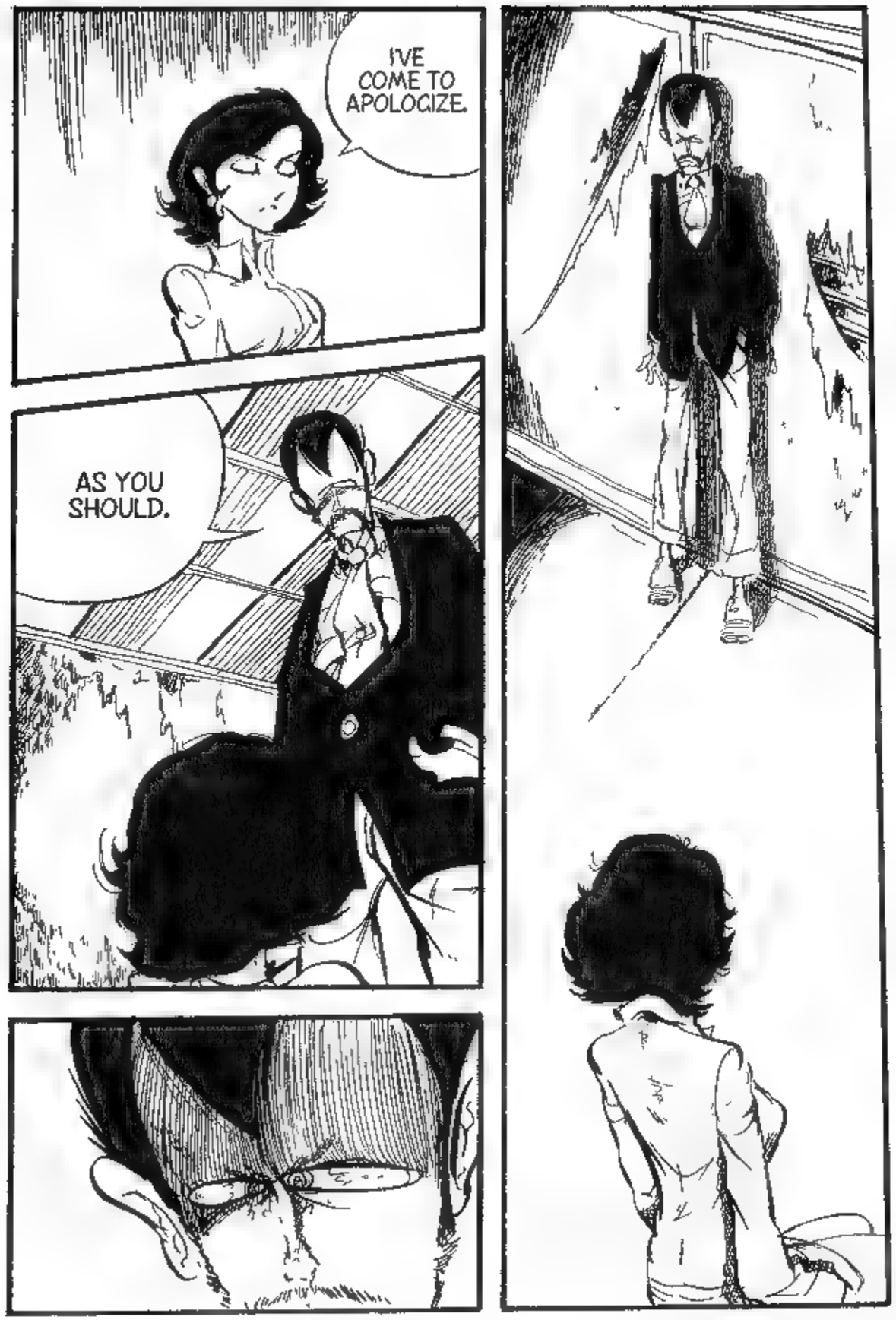

I MEAN THIS MAN HAS SCAMMED THE PANTS OFF EVERYONE HE'S MET...

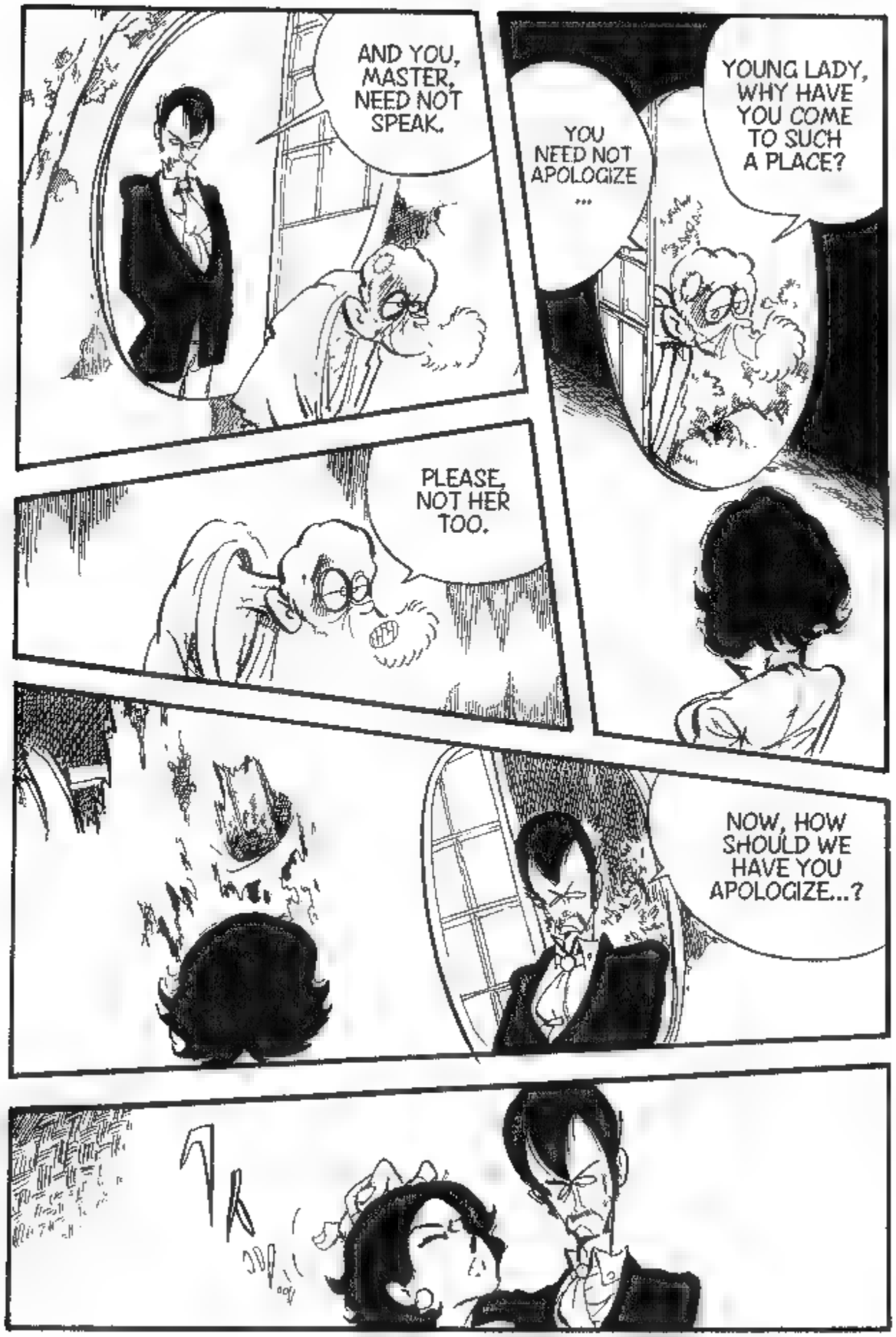
THAT'S MY JOB!

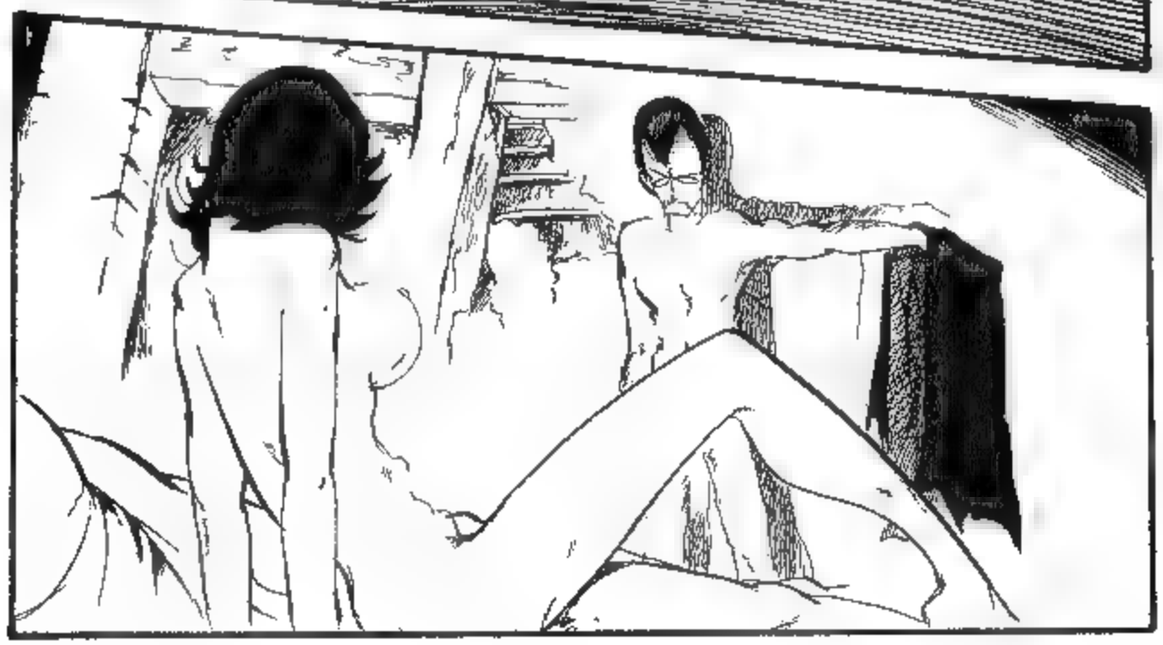
I GOT TO FIND OUT HOW HE DOES IT!

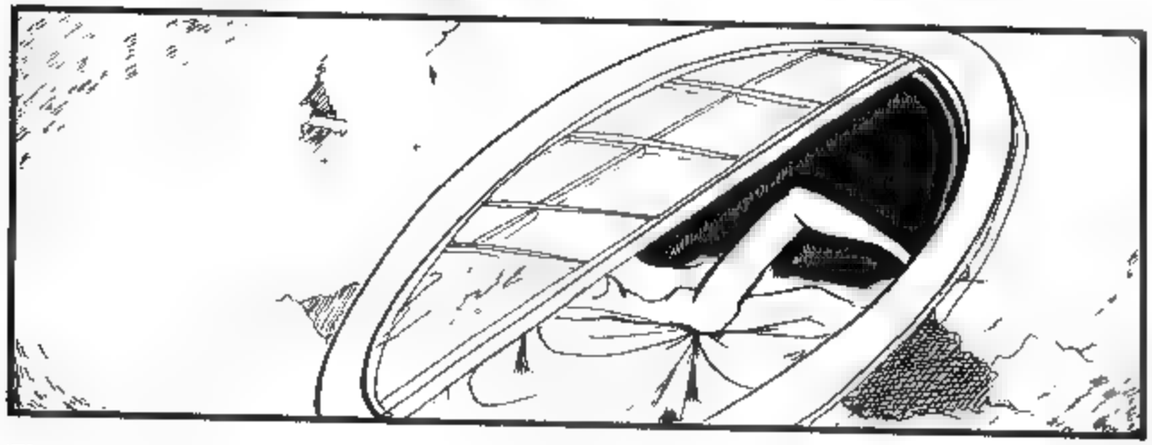





I'VE COME TO APOLOGIZE.
AS YOU SHOULD.

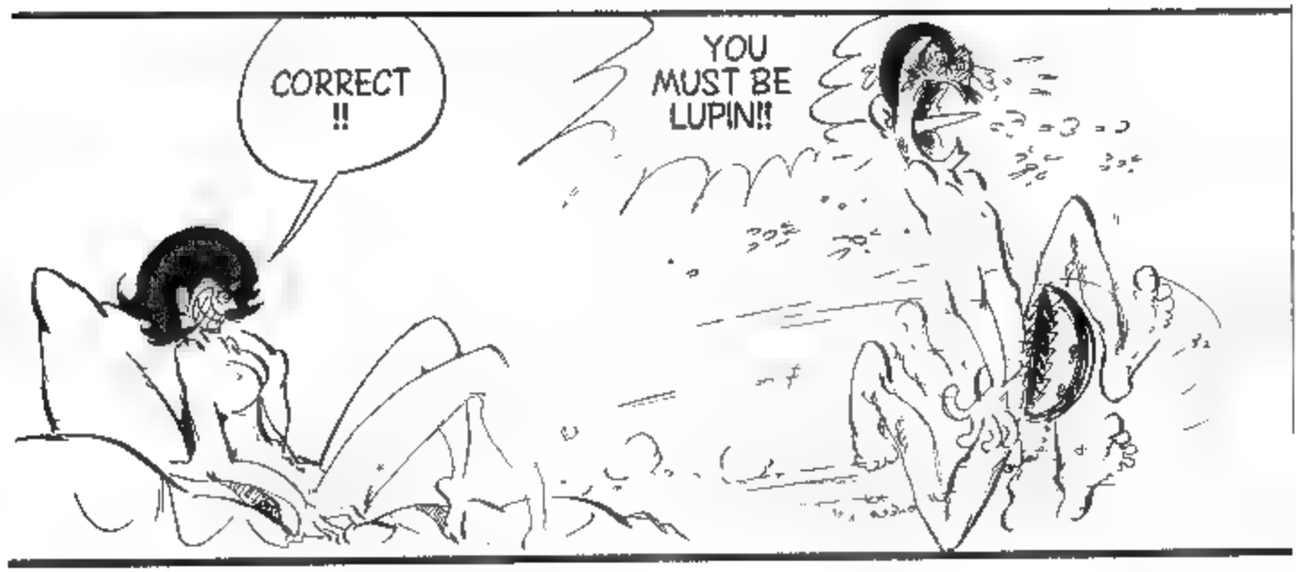

AND YOU, MASTER, NEED NOT SPEAK.
YOUNG LADY, WHY HAVE YOU COME TO SUCH A PLACE?
YOU NEED NOT APOLOGIZE ...
PLEASE, NOT HER TOO.
NOW, HOW SHOULD WE HAVE YOU APOLOGIZE...?



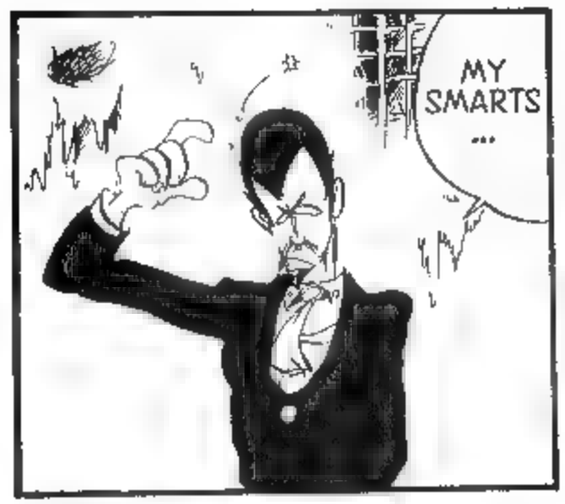


OH MY GOD!!

NUTS!


CORRECT !!
YOU MUST BE LUPIN!!

HOW ABOUT ...


MY SMARTS ...

...A FRIENDLY BET.

...HAVE EMPTIED A LOT OF POCKETS. I'M WORTH ALMOST AS MUCH AS YOU.

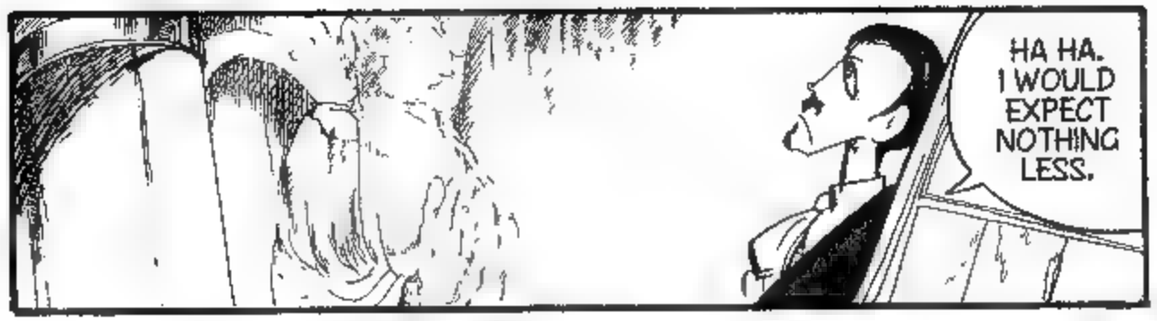
I WILL USE EVERY MEANS AT MY DISPOSAL TO ACQUIRE YOUR FORTUNE.

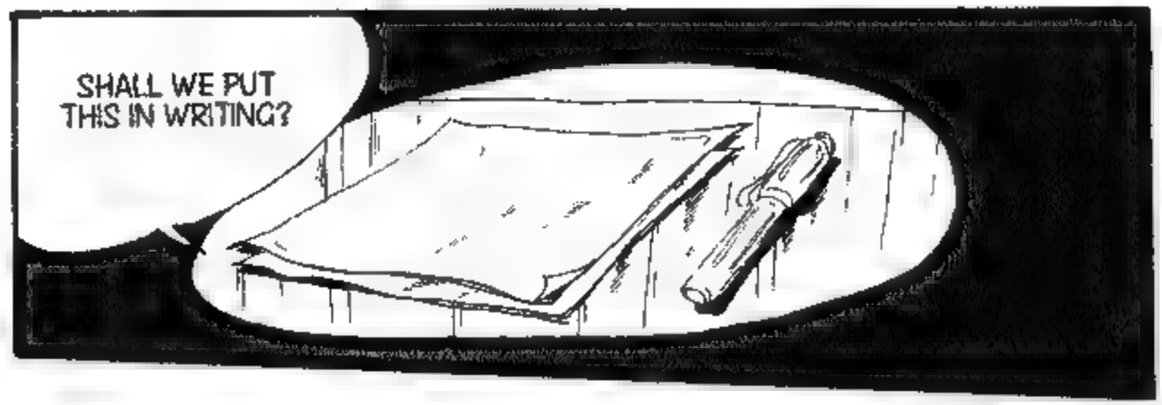
I'M WILLING TO WAGER IT ALL.

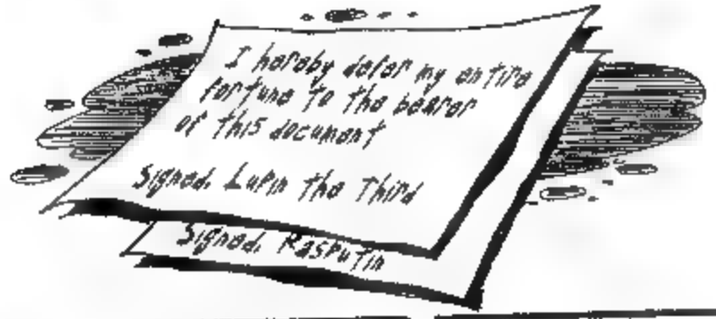
AND I WILL EMPLOY ALL MY TRICKS OF THIEVERY TO ACQUIRE YOURS.

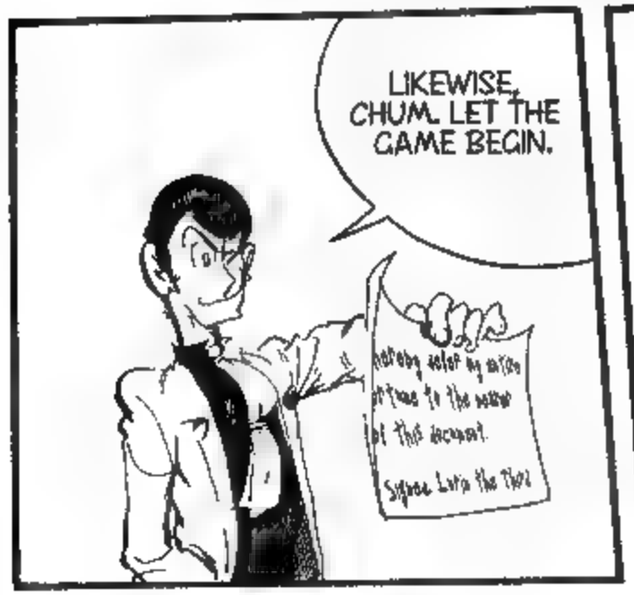
...VERSUS THE MASTER OF THIEVES.
WINNER TAKES ALL. THE KING OF CONS...

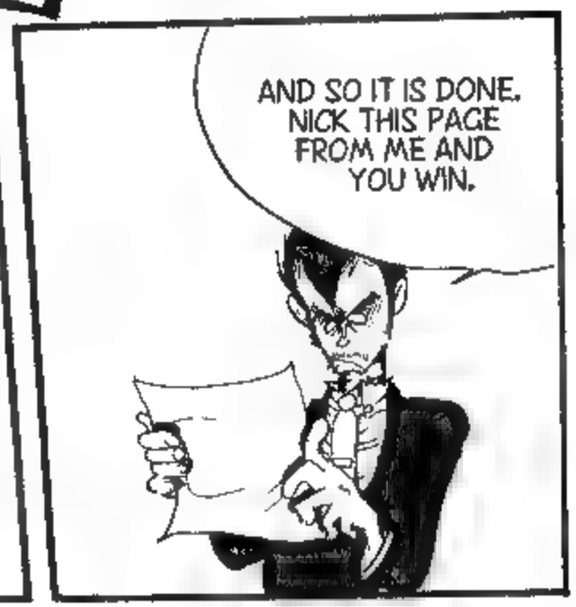
NO KILLING.
BUT LET'S KEEP THIS A CLASSY AFFAIR. BRAINS VS. BRAINS.


HA HA. I WOULD EXPECT NOTHING LESS.


SHALL WE PUT THIS IN WRITING?


I hereby defer my entire fortune to the bearer of this document
Signed, Lupin the Third
Signed, Rasputin


LIKEWISE, CHUM. LET THE GAME BEGIN.


AND SO IT IS DONE. NICK THIS PAGE FROM ME AND YOU WIN.

START? IT'S ALREADY OVER!!
WHEN DOES THE GAME START?

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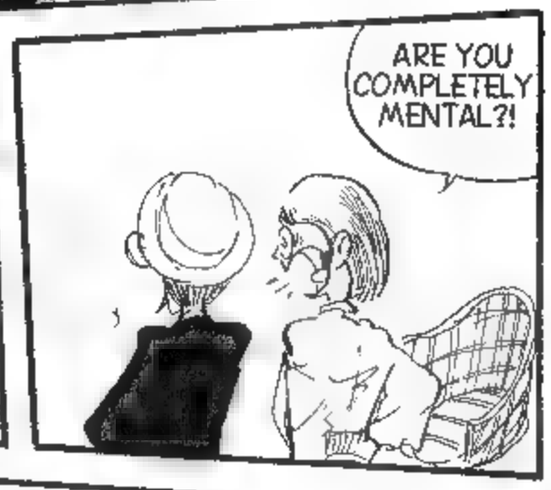
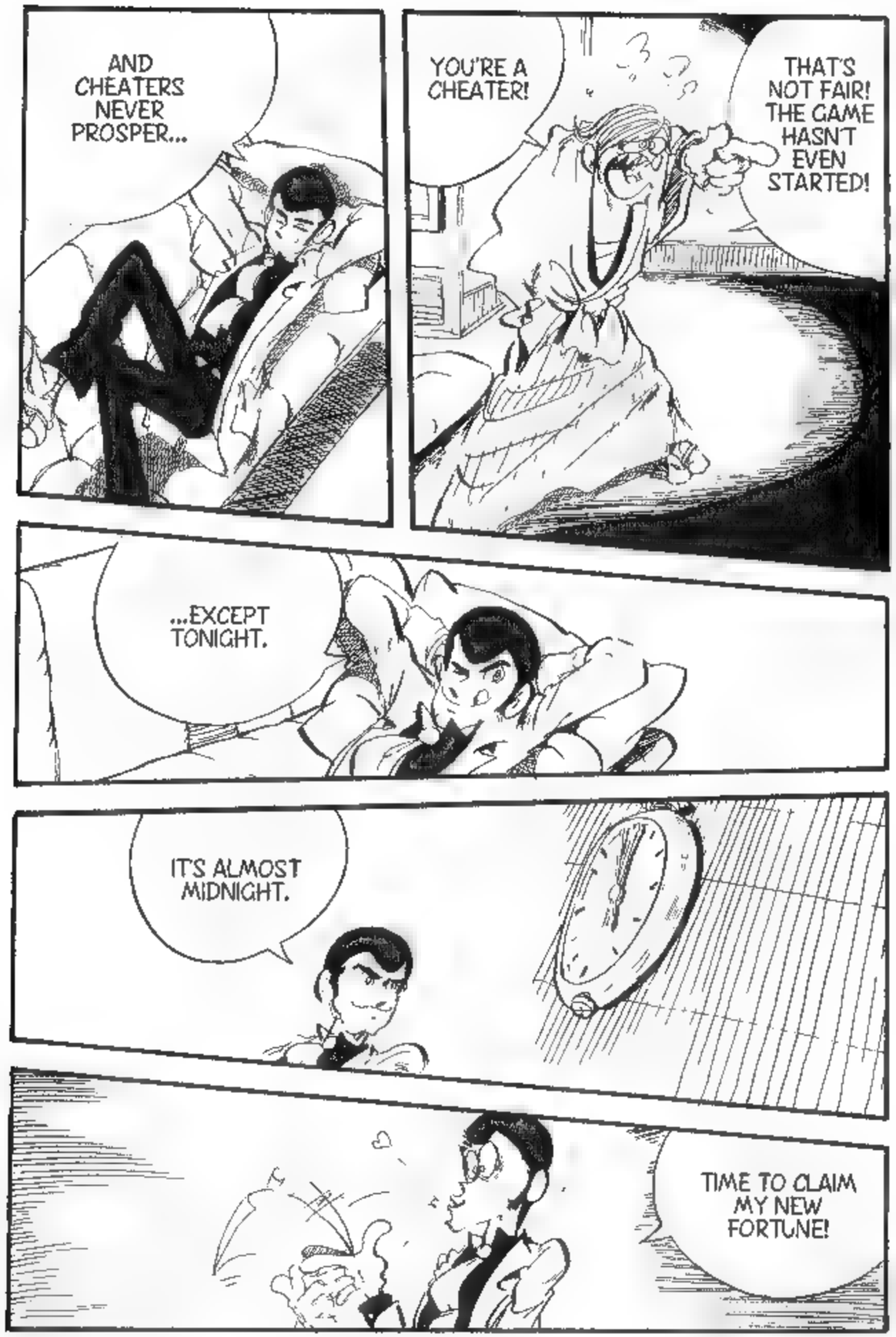
NOT AT ALL, MY FRIEND. IT WAS SO EASY.


ARE YOU COMPLETELY MENTAL?!

I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR THE GUY.

SO MUCH FOR THE ART OF THE CON.
I SWITCHED DOCUMENTS DURING THE SIGNING.
RASPUTIN'S SMART.
I DON'T KNOW. A GUY DOESN'T GET A REP LIKE THAT WITH SHIT IN HIS SKULL.
WHAT? DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT.
... AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT.
THE GAME WAS SUPPOSED TO START TONIGHT...


AND CHEATERS NEVER PROSPER...
YOU'RE A CHEATER!
THAT'S NOT FAIR! THE GAME HASN'T EVEN STARTED!
...EXCEPT TONIGHT.
IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT.
TIME TO CLAIM MY NEW FORTUNE!

YES!
NO !!
THE BLOODY ROTTEN CHEATER WROTE HIS CONTRACT IN DISAPPEARING INK!
SON OF A BITCH.

CHAPTER 99

"RASPUTIN RETURNS"

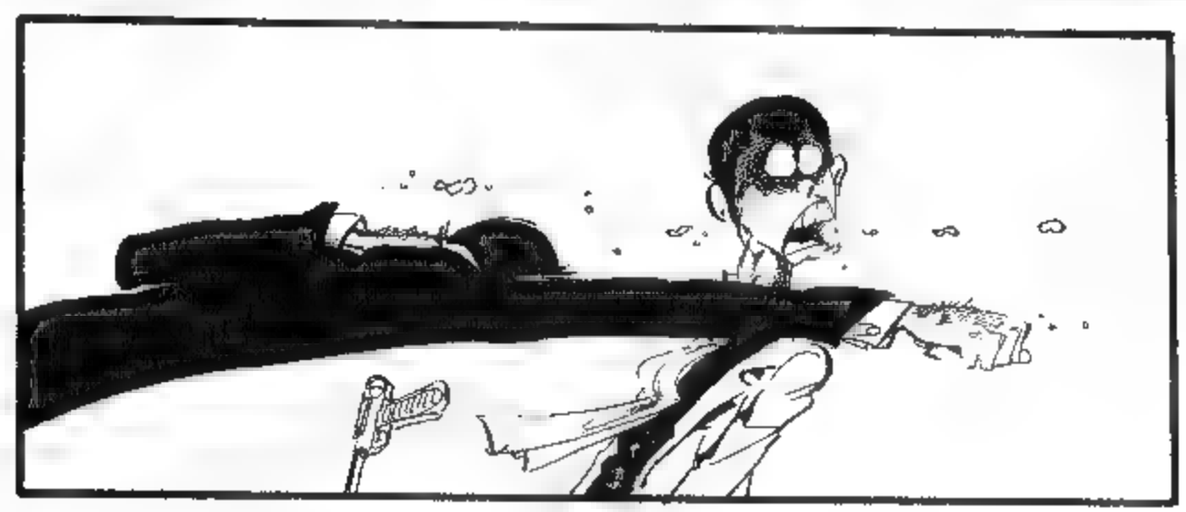
...BUT I'VE NEVER KNOWN AN ASSHOLE QUITE LIKE YOU!
I'VE FACED MY SHARE OF SHIT HEADS...

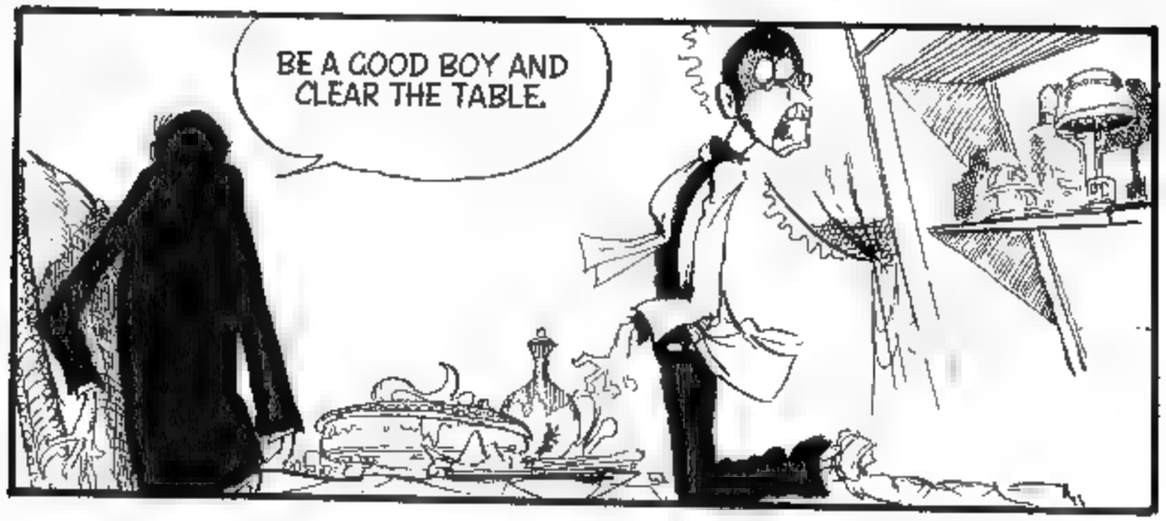
WRITING IN DISAPPEARING INK! NOW YOU GET YOURS! HAND OVER YOUR FORTUNE!

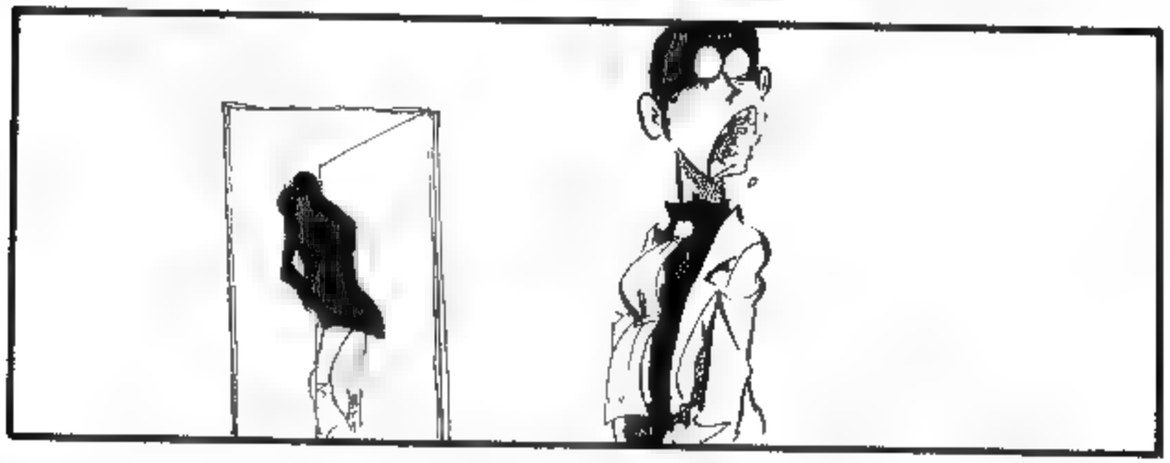
YOU THINK YOU'RE SO CLEVER, CONNING WOMEN, STEALING FROM BABIES...

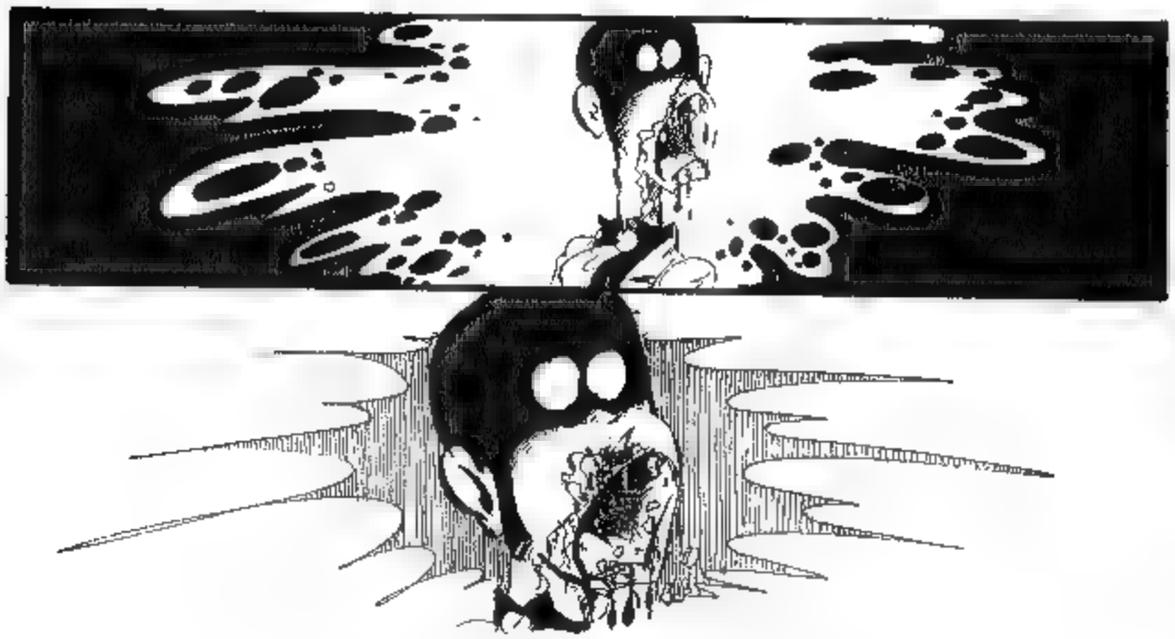
GOOD EVENING, ZEN-GATA...I THINK YOU KNOW MY DINNER GUEST.

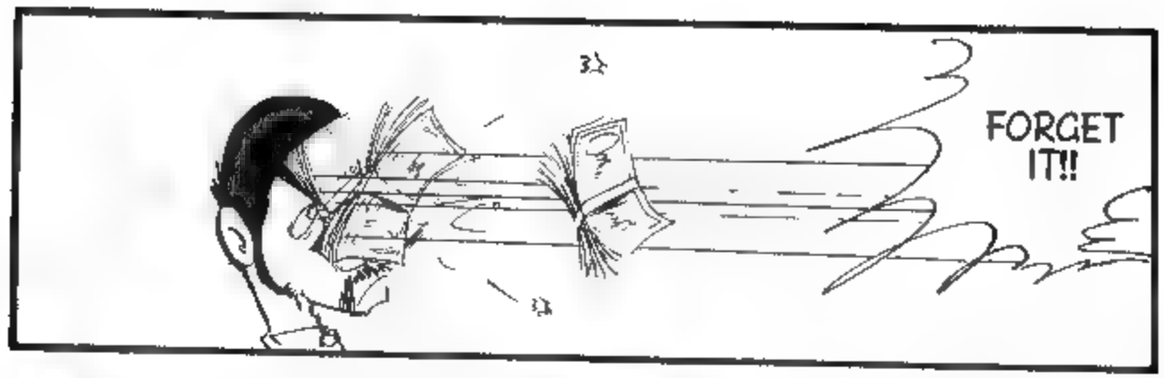
WHAT?!




BE A GOOD BOY AND CLEAR THE TABLE.





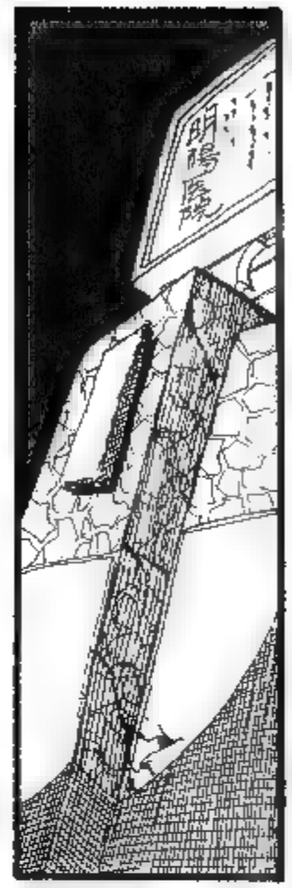

FORGET IT!!

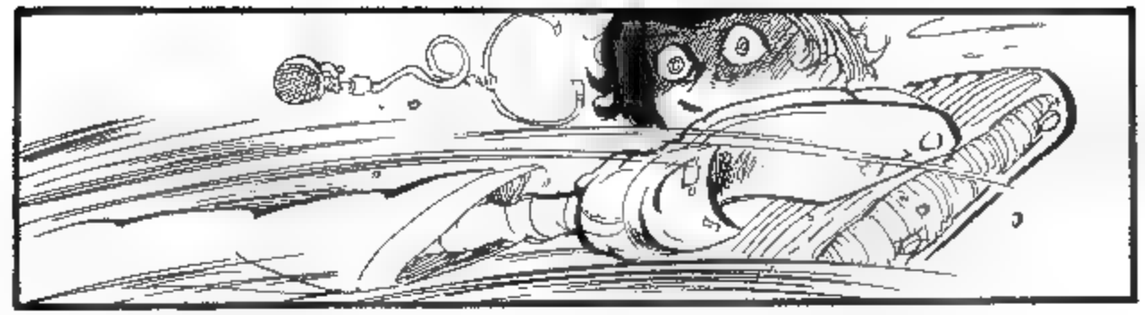
YOUR MORAL CODE IS IMPRESSIVE.

I'M A DOCTOR!! I HAVE SWORN AN OATH TO PROTECT MY PATIENTS, NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM!

...I SIMPLY MUST CONVINCE YOU TO COMPLY.
HOWEVER ...

IF MONEY WON'T SUFFICE...

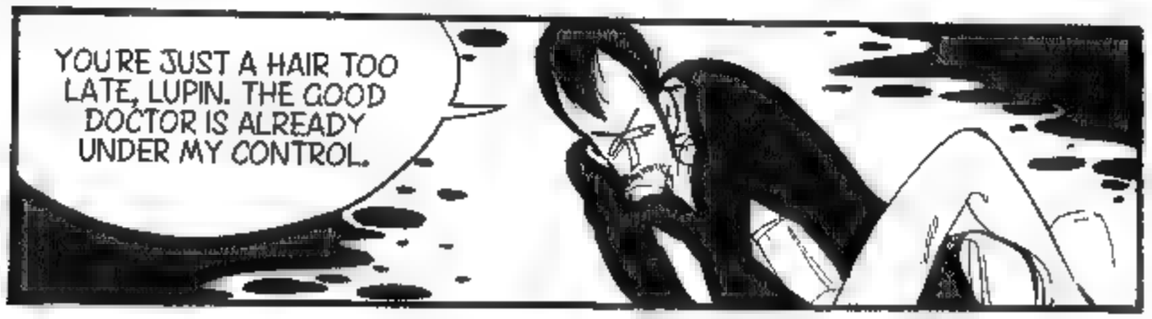


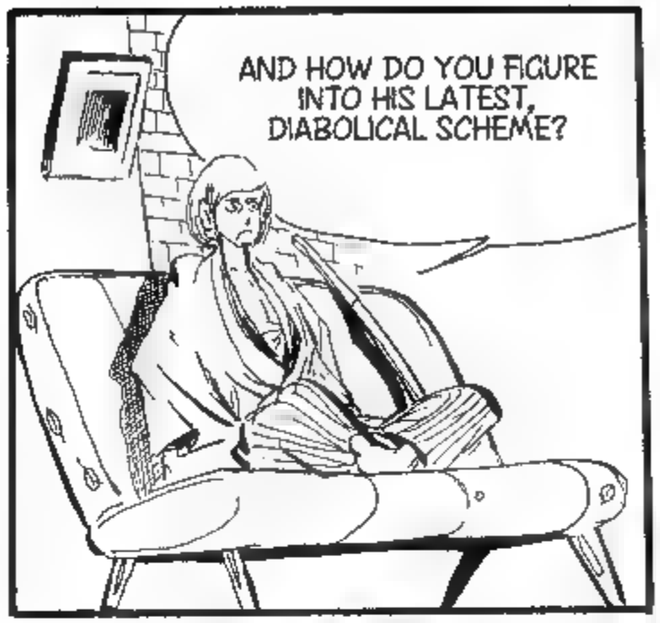


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I'LL SCREAM!!

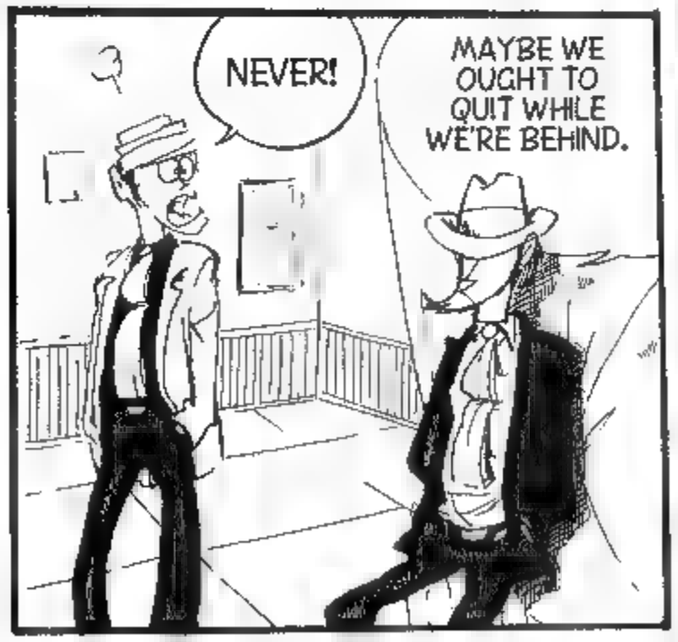
NO ONE'S AROUND TO HEAR YOU.
SCREAM YOUR THROAT COARSE.
BE MY GUEST.

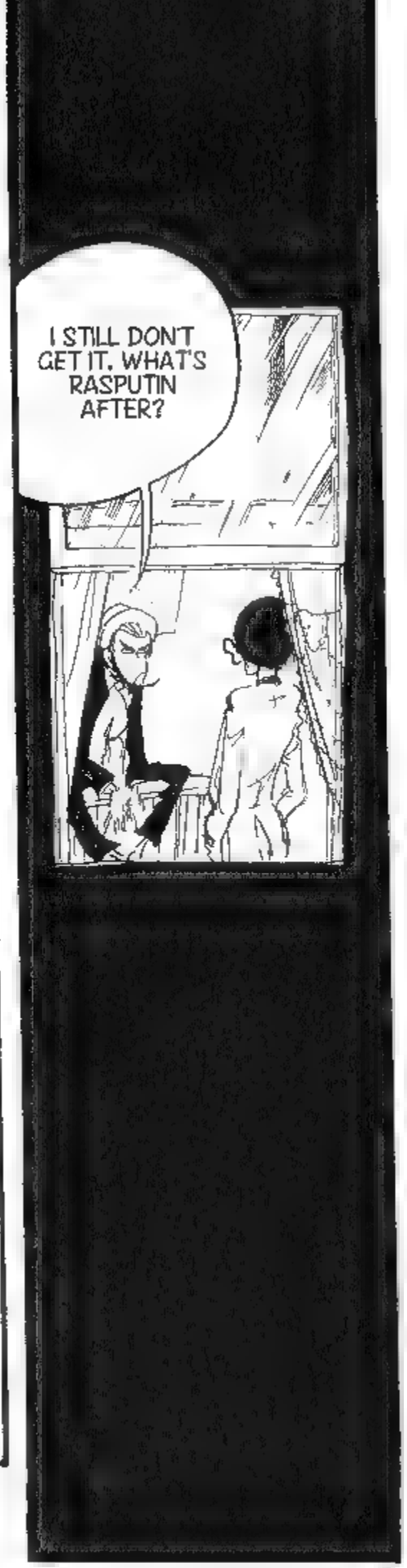
RASPUTIN!! YOU ARE TURNING INTO A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS!!

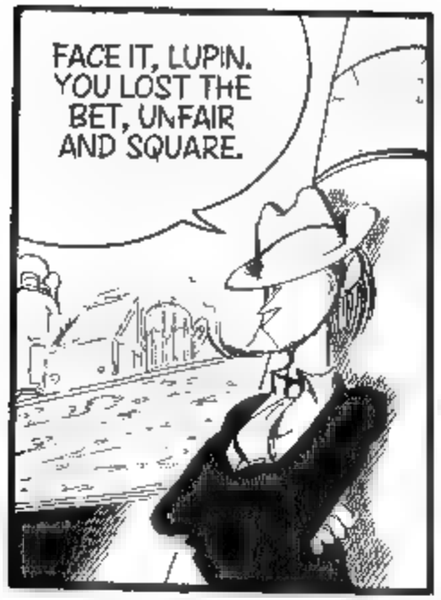

YOU'RE JUST A HAIR TOO LATE, LUPIN. THE GOOD DOCTOR IS ALREADY UNDER MY CONTROL.


AND HOW DO YOU FIGURE INTO HIS LATEST, DIABOLICAL SCHEME?

WE'VE GOT TO OUTSMART HIM. BEAT HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL.


NEVER!
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO QUIT WHILE WE'RE BEHIND.


I STILL DON'T GET IT. WHAT'S RASPUTIN AFTER?

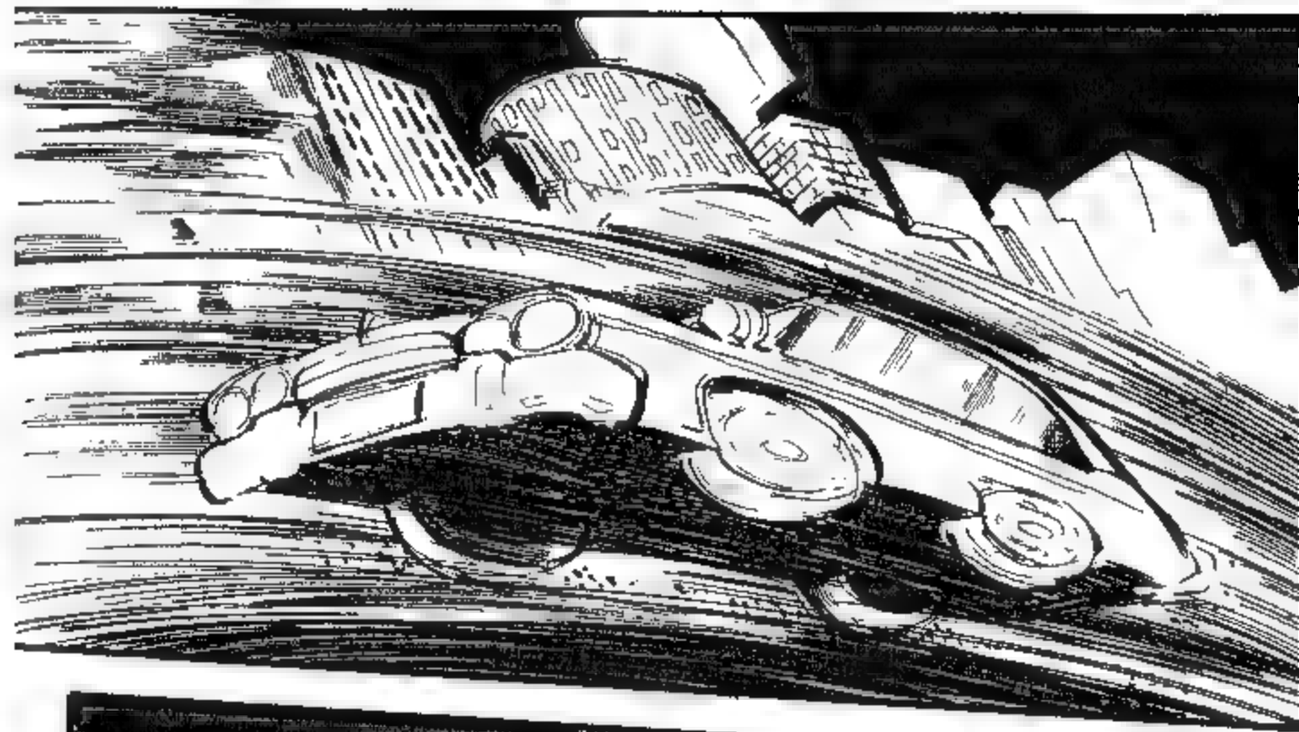

FACE IT, LUPIN. YOU LOST THE BET, UNFAIR AND SQUARE.

I WANT IT BACK.
HE'S TAKEN HALF MY FORTUNE.

TRUE.

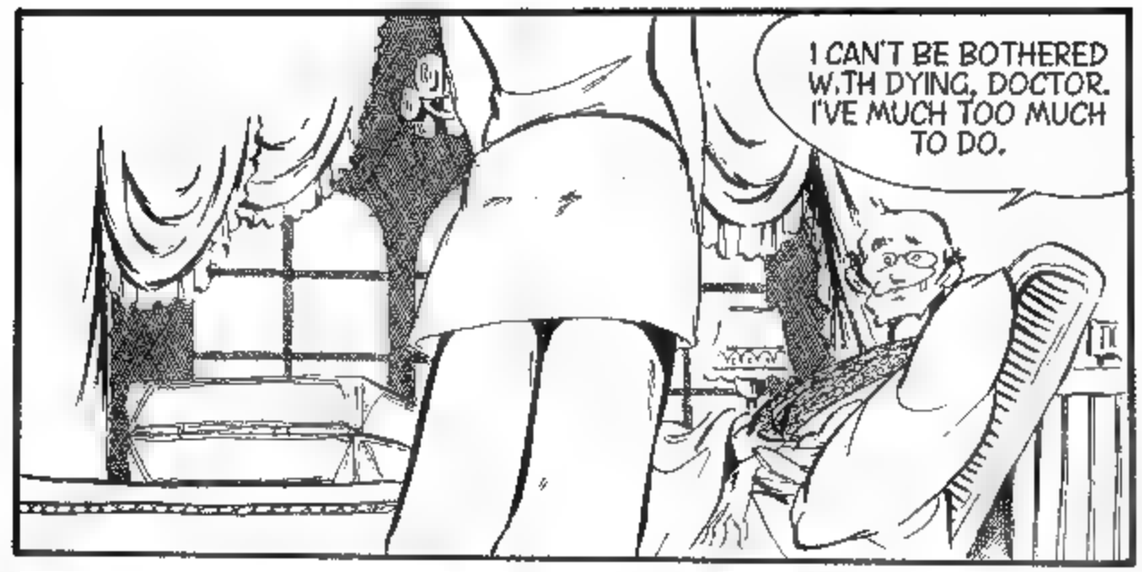
YOU SHOULD HAVE HONOR AND ADMIT DEFEAT.

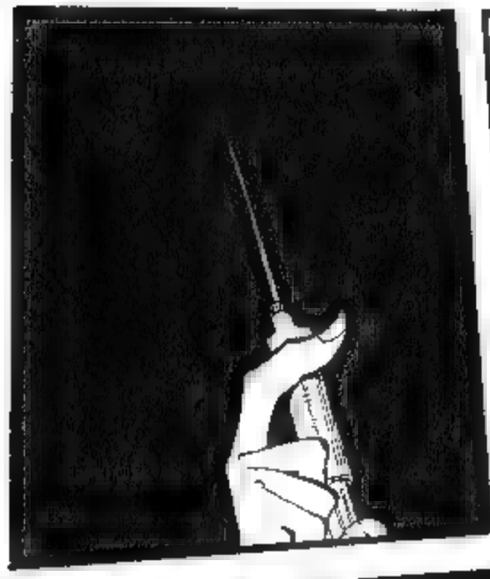
I WON'T REST UNTIL MY WEALTH IS RESTORED.
NO.



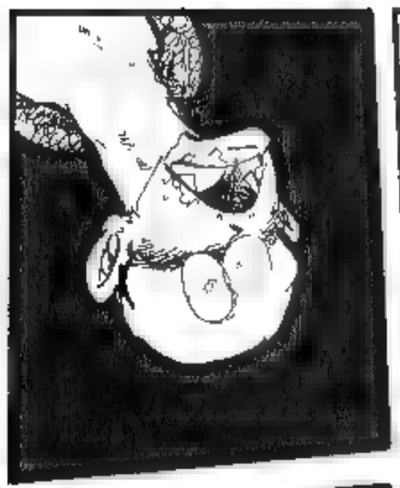
DON'T WORRY, DARLING. I WON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES.
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

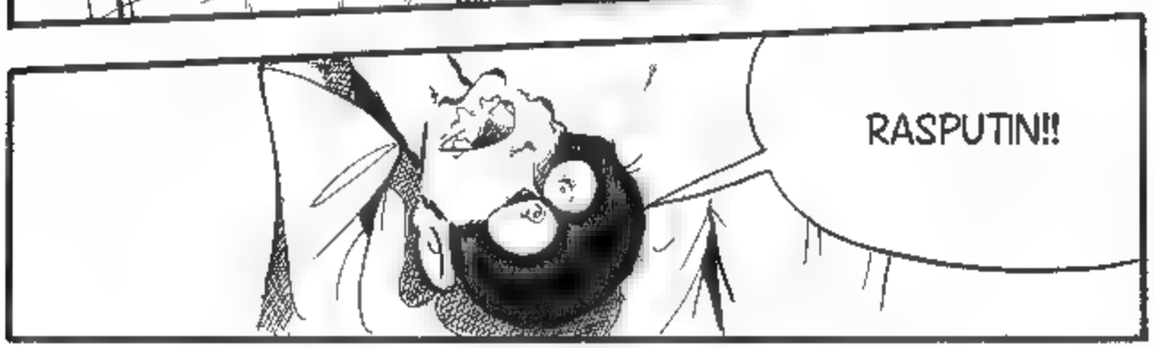
IF YOU SUCCEED, DADDY WILL TREAT YOU REAL GOOD TONIGHT.


I CAN'T BE BOTHERED W.TH DYING, DOCTOR. I'VE MUCH TOO MUCH TO DO.



...YOUR BODY IS WEAK. YOU CAN'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF.
BUT MR. PRES-IDENT ...



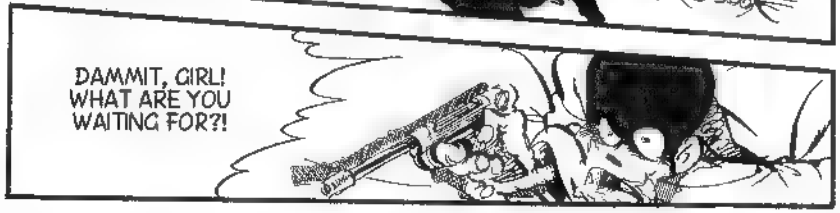

RASPUTIN!!

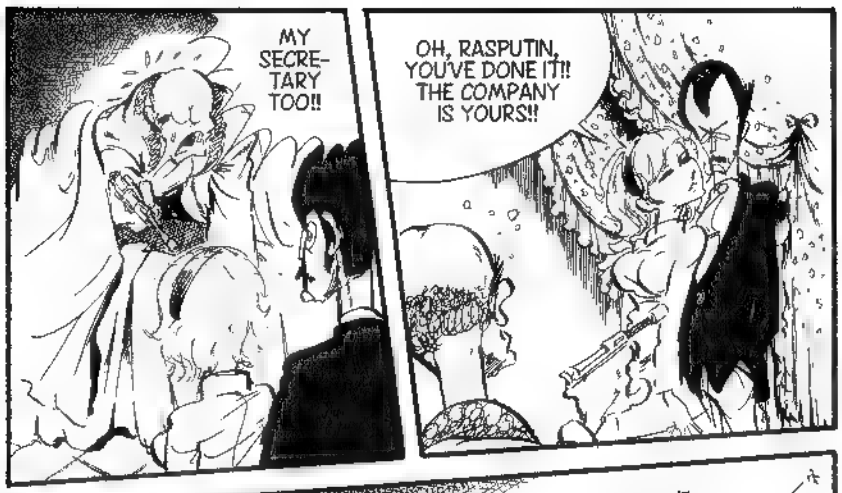
YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES TIL DEATH.
...FROM THE POISON MY ASSOCIATE JUST INJECTED INTO YOUR BODY.
YOU SHOULD FEEL PAIN...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GIVE ME WHAT I WANT.
HOWEVER, I HAVE THE ANTIDOTE RIGHT HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?

YOU THINK YOU CAN RUN MY BUSINESS?!
YOUR COMPANY IS THE THIRD LARGEST IN THE WORLD...
YOU'VE NO TIME TO ARGUE.
THREE MINUTES.
A FITTING FEATHER FOR MY CRIMINAL CAP.
THE POISON WILL SOON REACH YOUR HEART.

MS. JONES! CALL THE POLICE... NOW!!
EXCUSE ME, SIR...!!

GET THE PHONE! HURRY!!
DON'T MOVE !!


DAMMIT, GIRL! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!

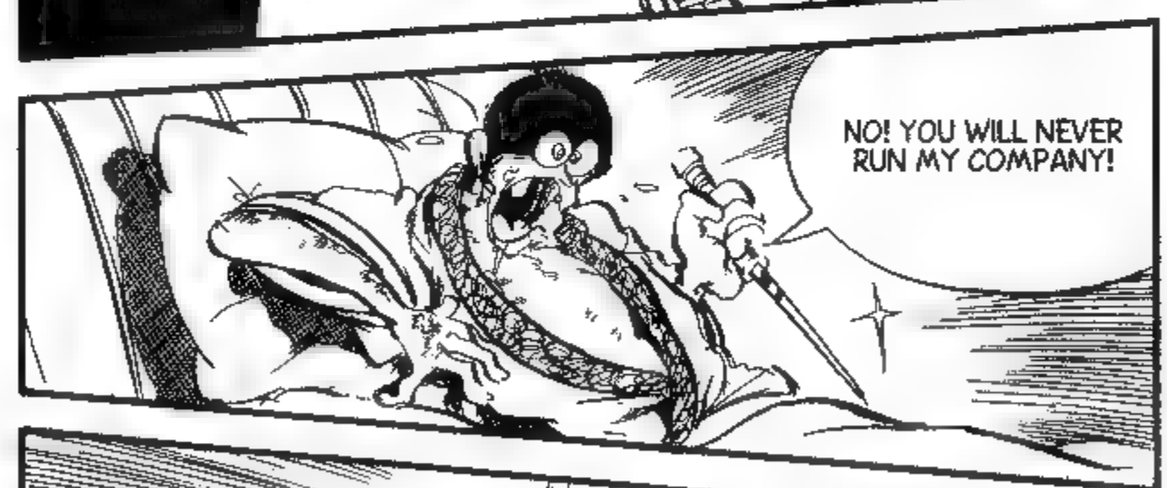

MY SECRE-TARY TOO!!
OH, RASPUTIN, YOU'VE DONE IT!! THE COMPANY IS YOURS!!

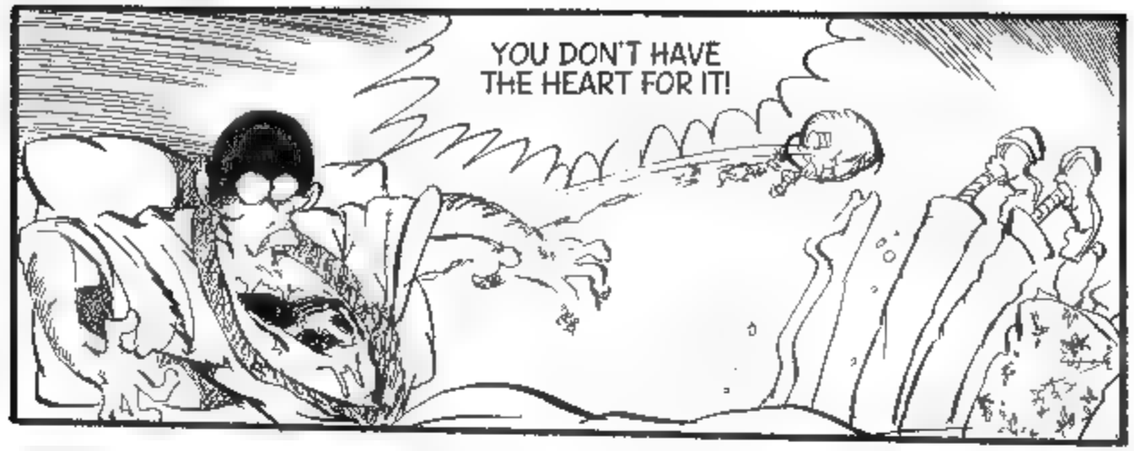
DEAR, IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

MY WIFE!! KIMIKO, CALL THE POLICE! I'M BEING MURDERED!!

I'M SORRY, DARLING.

WHAT WILL IT BE?
YOU HAVE THIRTY SECONDS LEFT?


NO! YOU WILL NEVER RUN MY COMPANY!


YOU DON'T HAVE THE HEART FOR IT!

YOU'VE A KNACK FOR FLARE, LUPIN.

AND YOU CAN HAVE MY POISONED ARM TOO!

CHAPTER 100

"THREE WIVES AND YOU'RE OUT OR RASPUTIN RETURNS (AGAIN)"

WHAT WILL I DO IF YOU GET PREGNANT?! WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO?
ABOUT WHAT? ABOUT THIS!

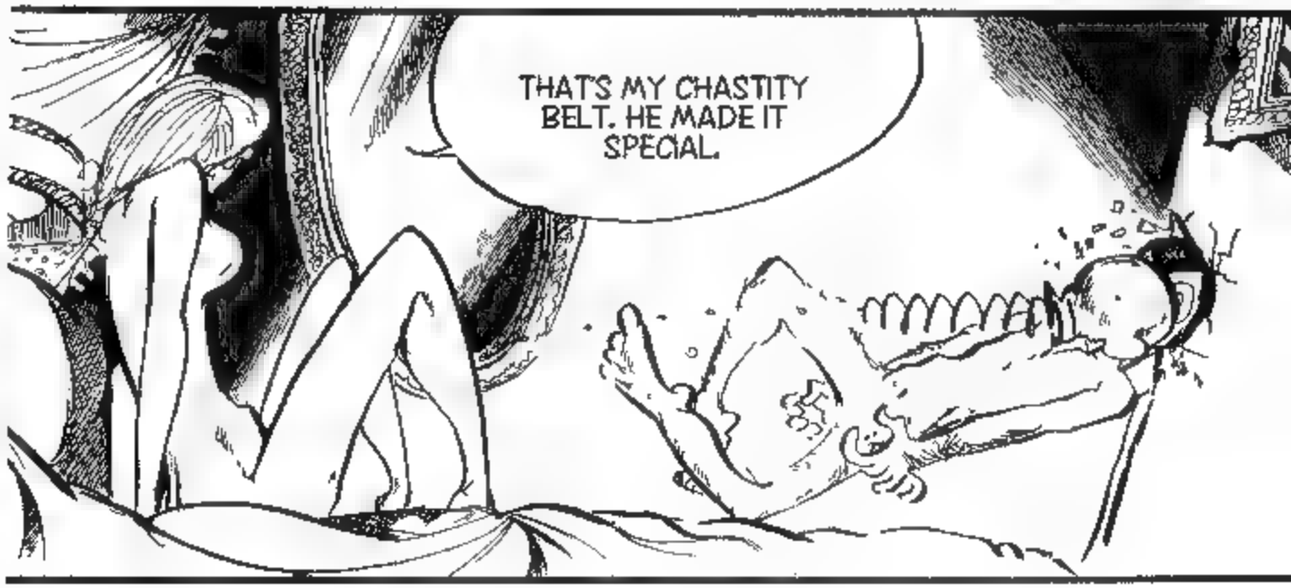
I'M SAVING YOU FROM RASPUTIN AND HIS WICKED MIND CONTROL. WHAT OTHER *PROTECTION* DO YOU NEED?

NO! I'M HIS WIFE! ONE OF THREE!!

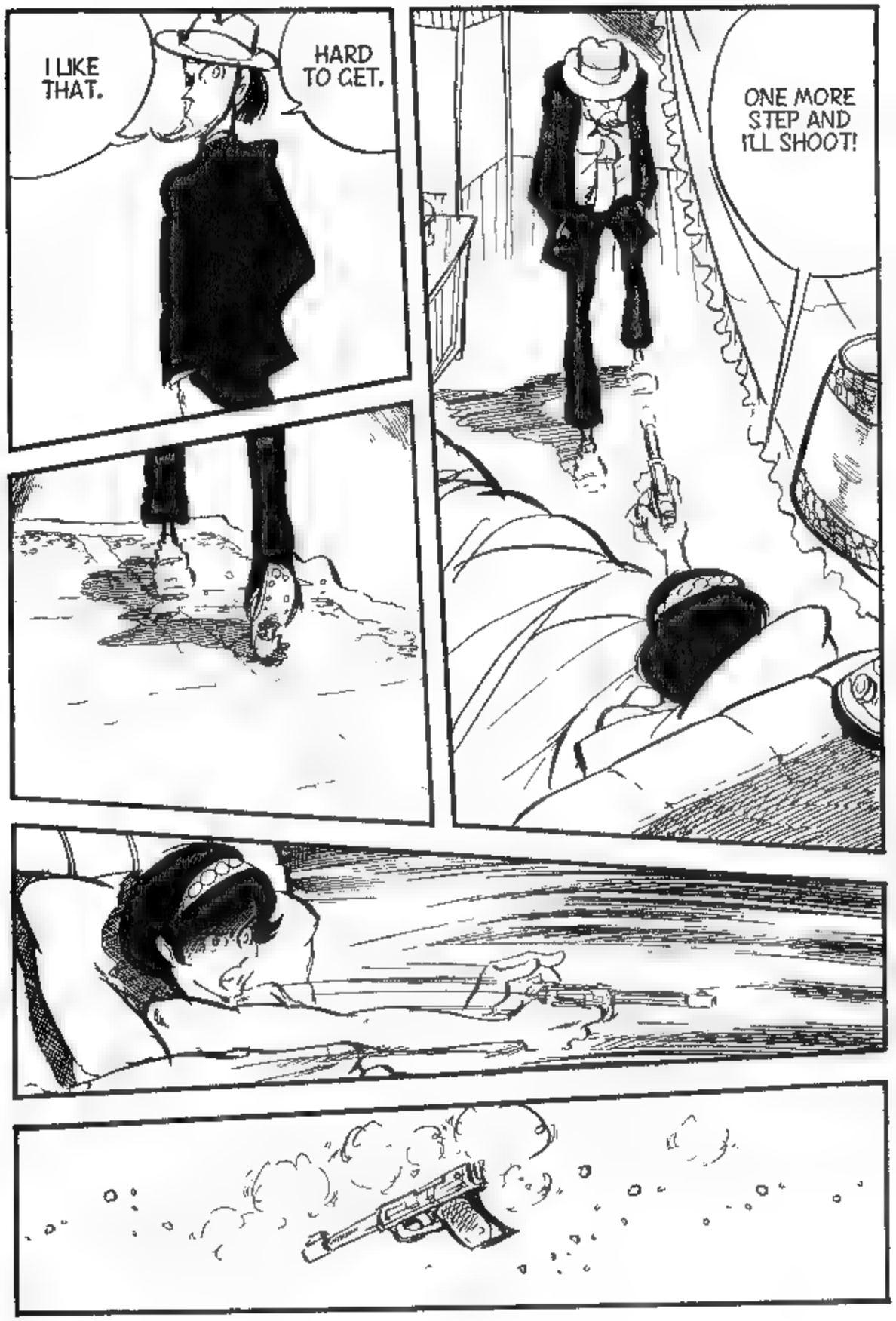
PLEASE LEAVE, JIGEN-SAN. I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO HAVE ME.

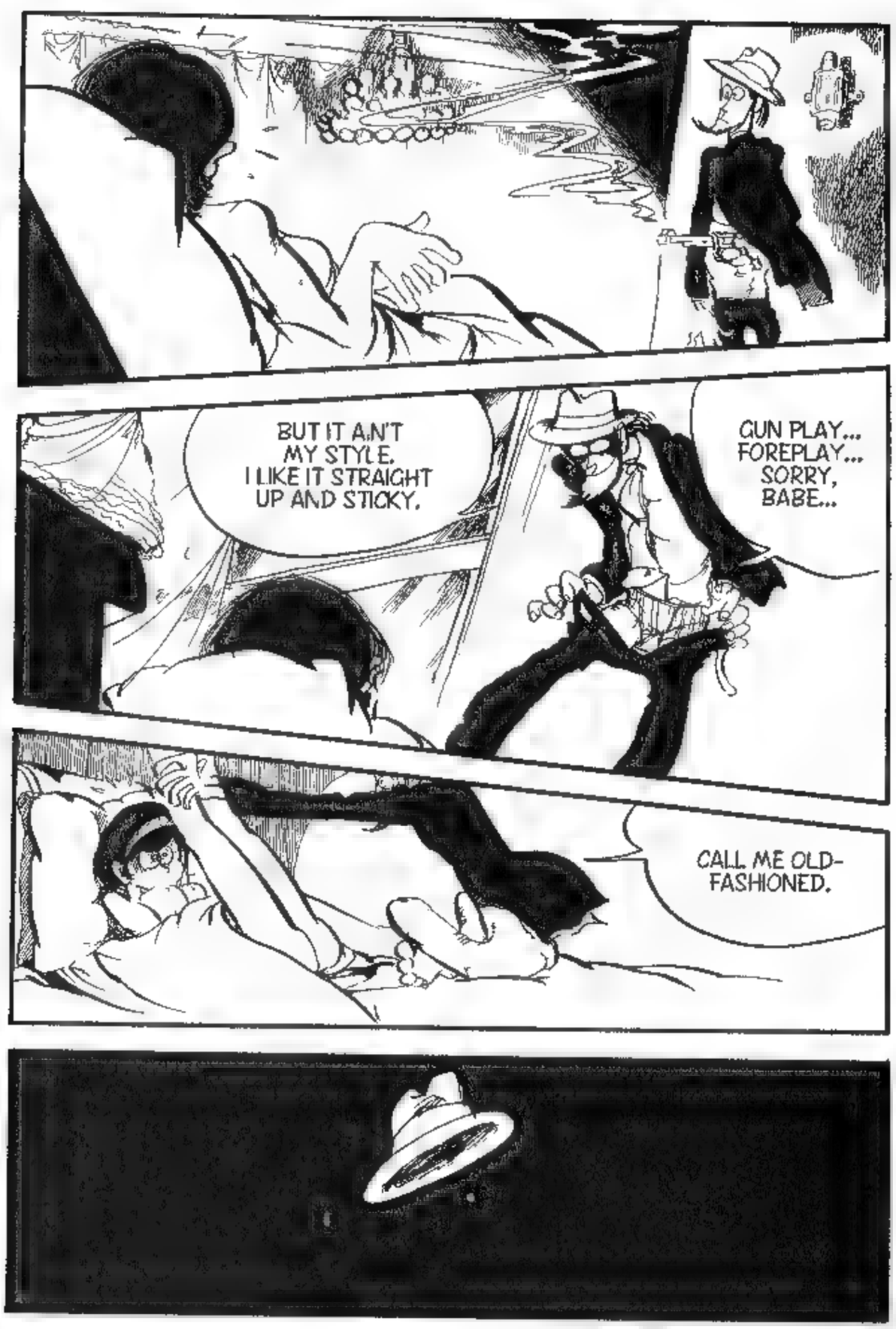
WHAT'S A NICE BITCH LIKE YOU DOING WITH A PIECE OF SHIT LIKE RASPUTIN?

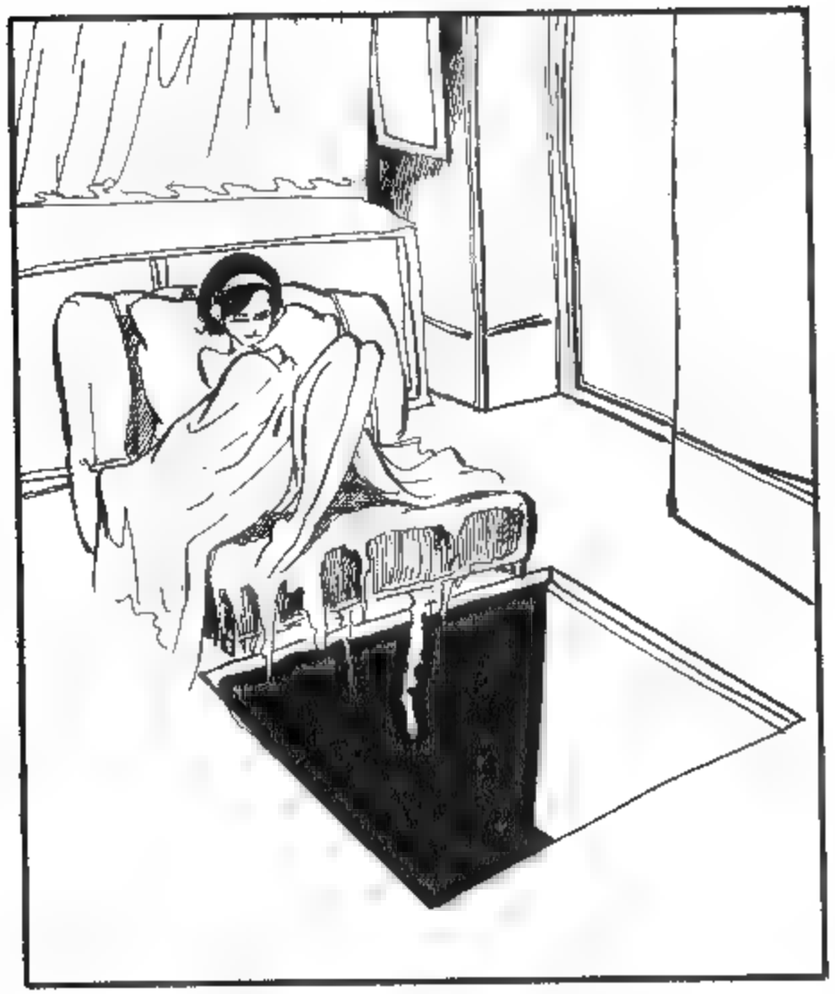
YOU WANT US TO GET HIM, RIGHT? AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO HIM IS THROUGH YOU.

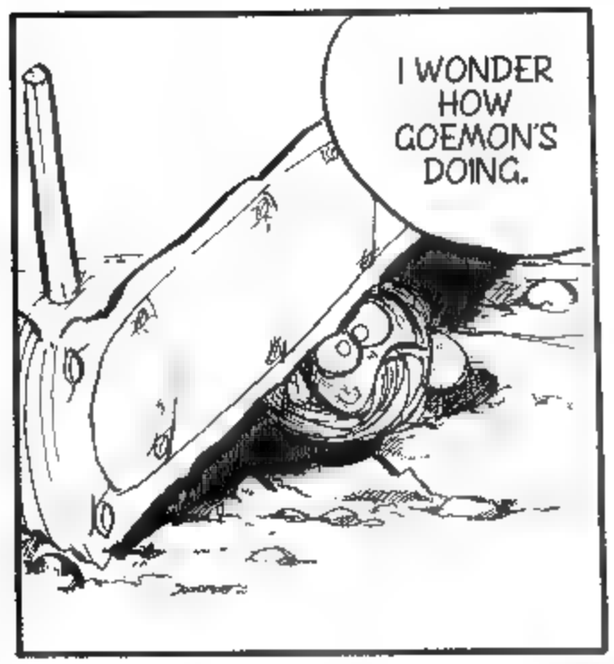

THAT'S MY CHASTITY BELT. HE MADE IT SPECIAL.

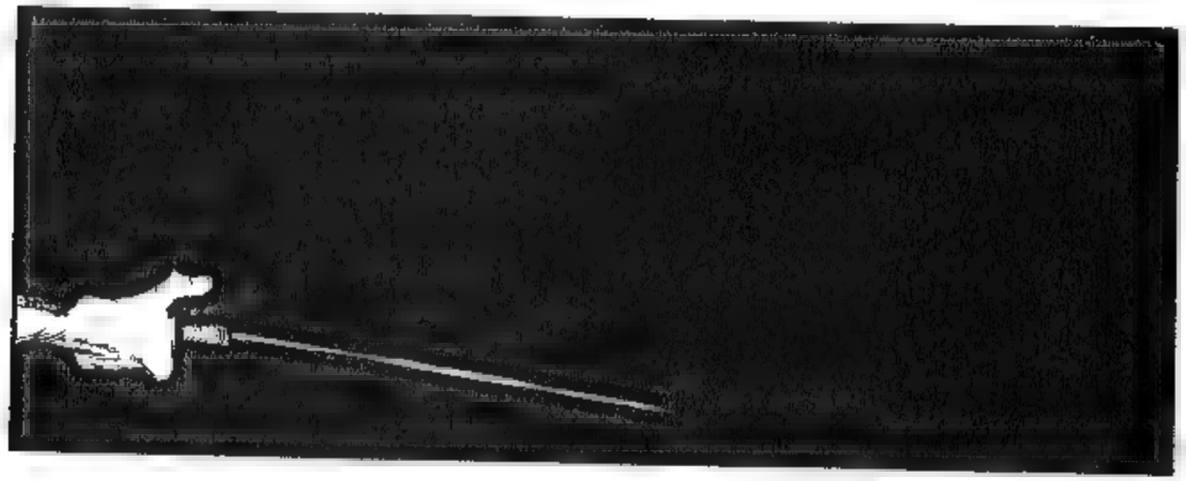
I WONDER HOW JIGEN'S DOING.

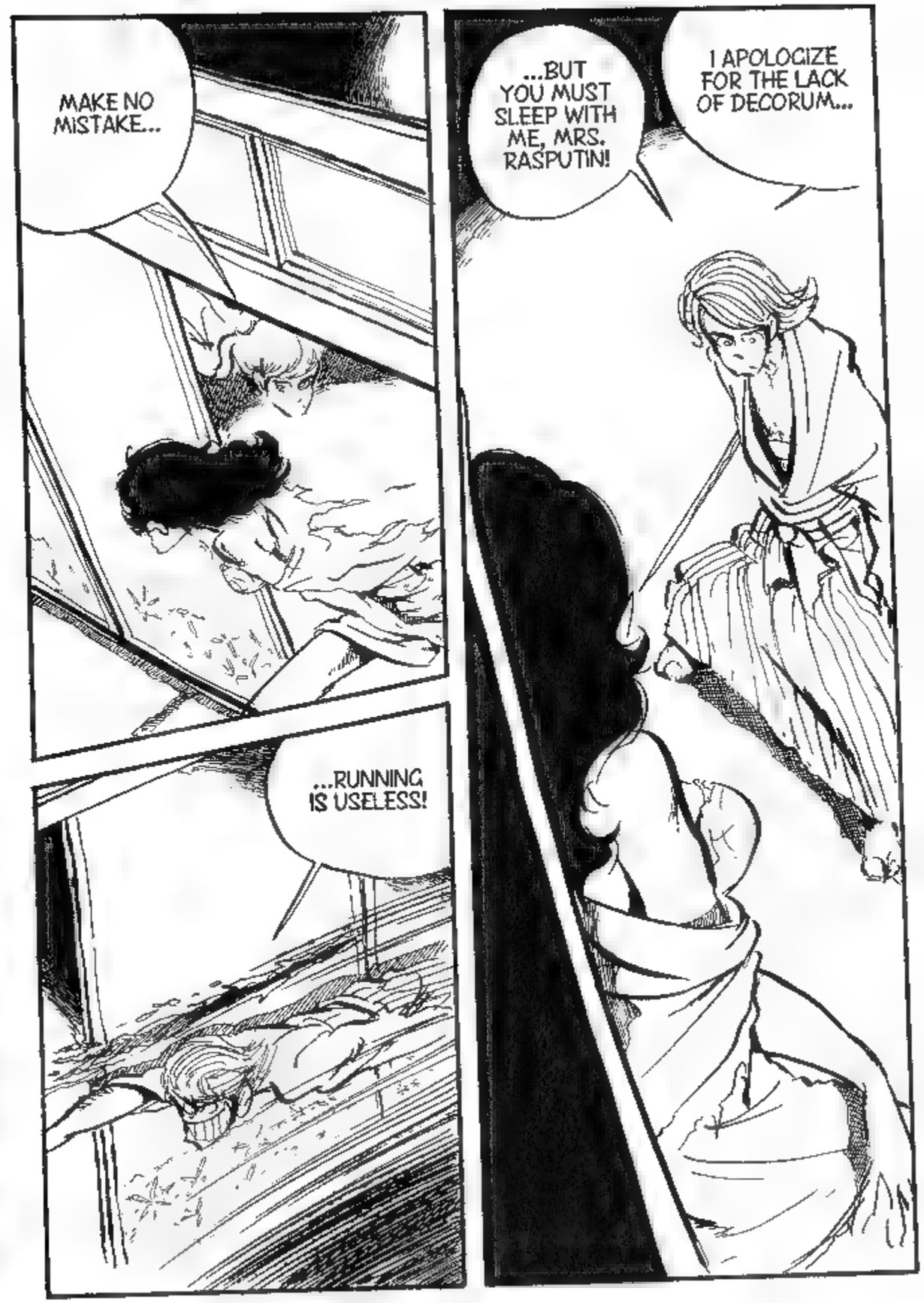

I LIKE THAT.
HARD TO GET.
ONE MORE STEP AND I'LL SHOOT!


BUT IT AIN'T MY STYLE. I LIKE IT STRAIGHT UP AND STICKY.
GUN PLAY... FOREPLAY... SORRY, BABE...
CALL ME OLD-FASHIONED.

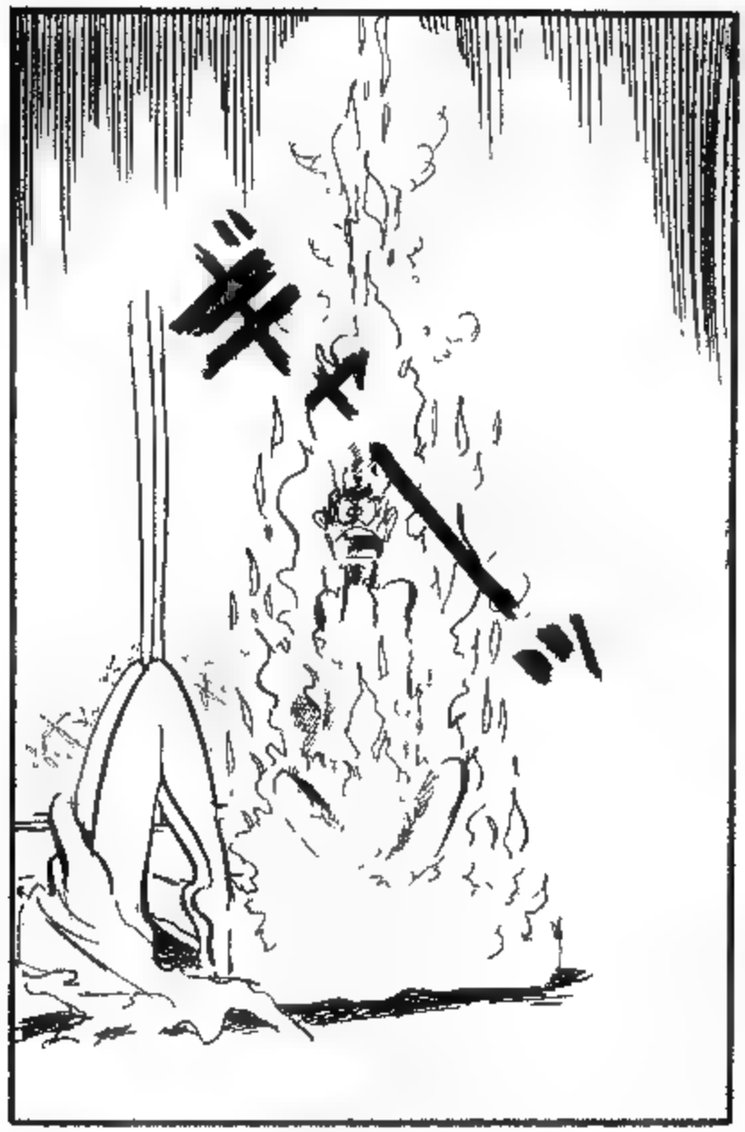



I WONDER HOW GOEMON'S DOING.




MAKE NO MISTAKE...
...RUNNING IS USELESS!
...BUT YOU MUST SLEEP WITH ME, MRS. RASPUTIN!
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE LACK OF DECORUM...

FORGIVE ME.
I WILL BE BRIEF.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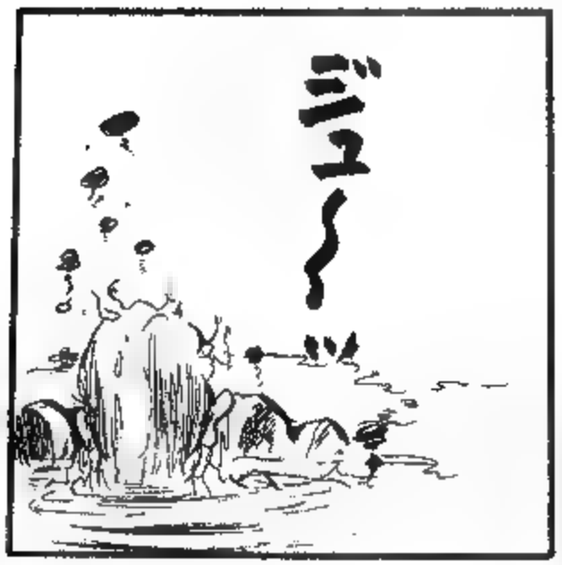
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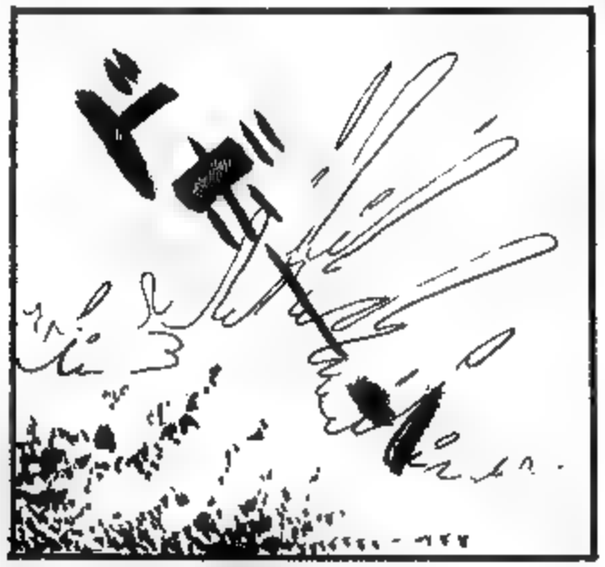
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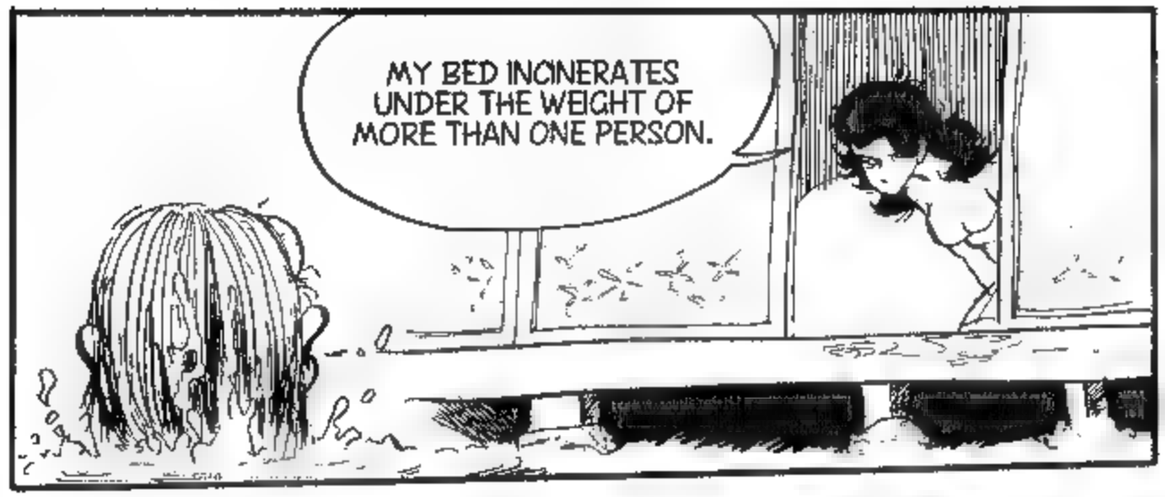
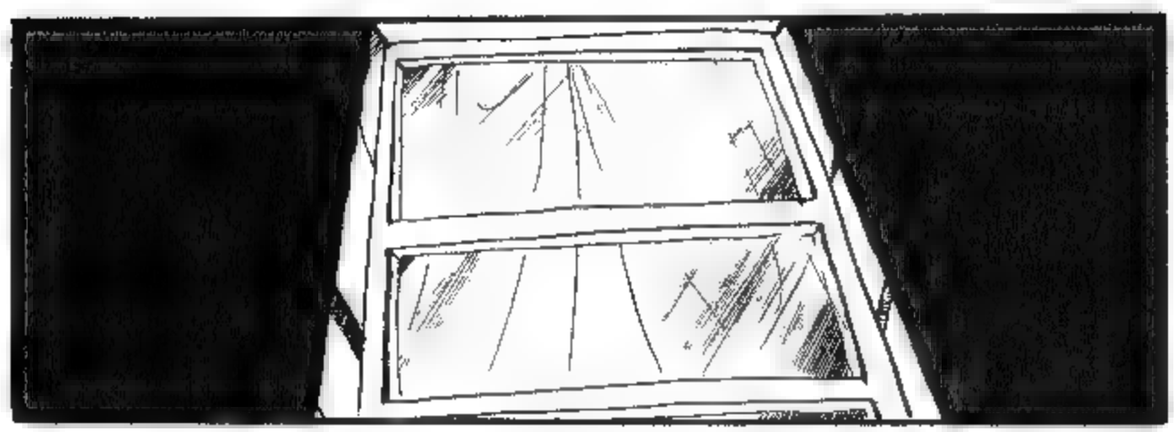
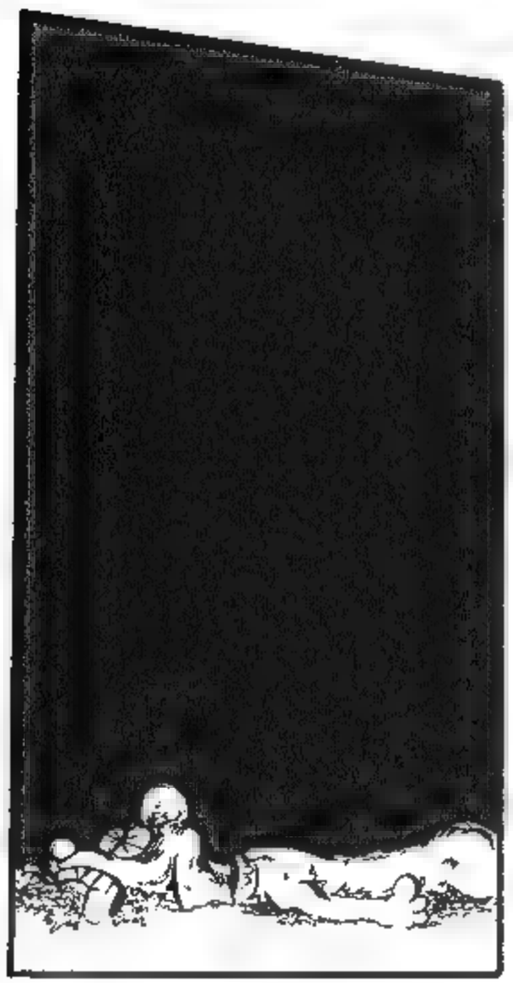
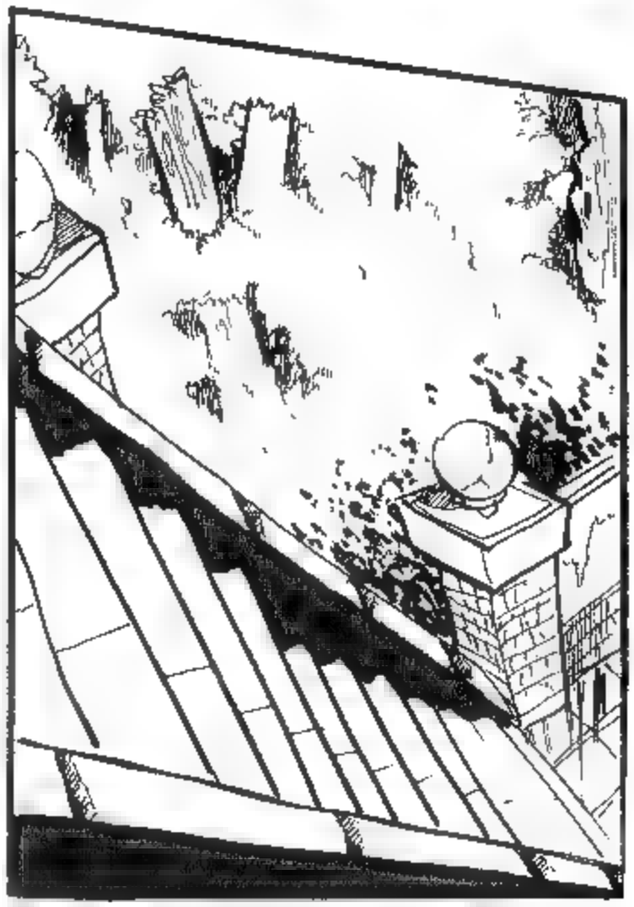

MY BED INCINERATES UNDER THE WEIGHT OF MORE THAN ONE PERSON.

ONE OF RASPUTIN'S HANDY WAYS TO KEEP ME CHASTE.

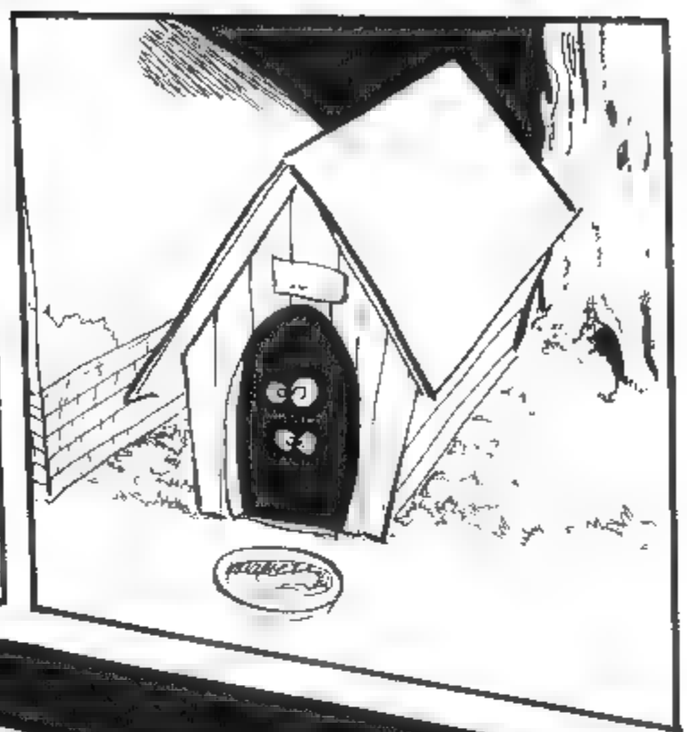


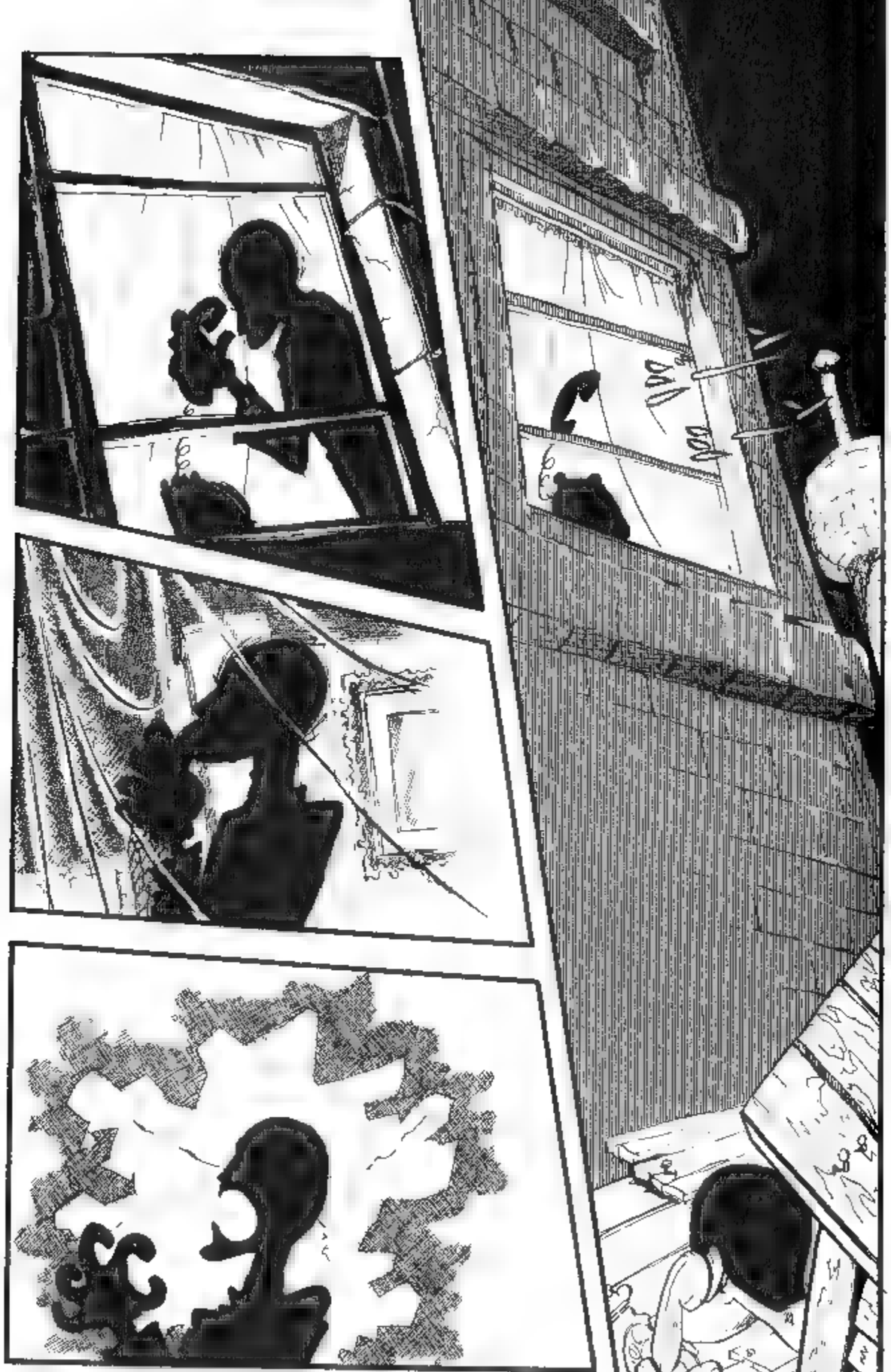
THREE STRIKES.
THREE BABES...
THREE MEN...



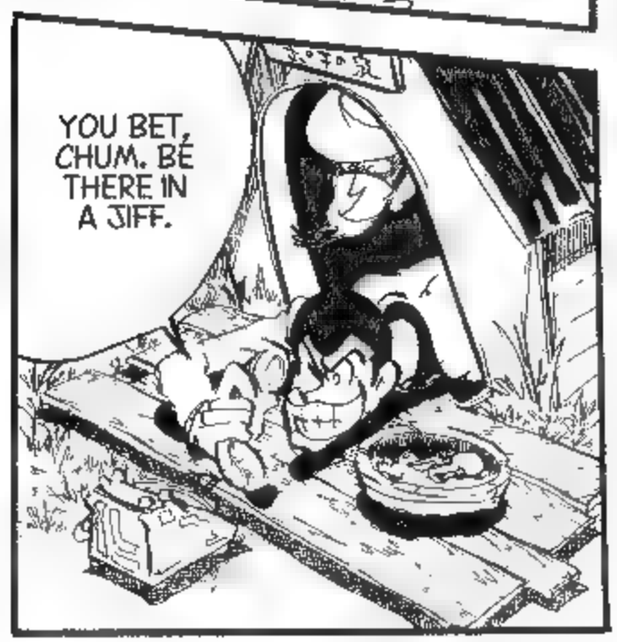


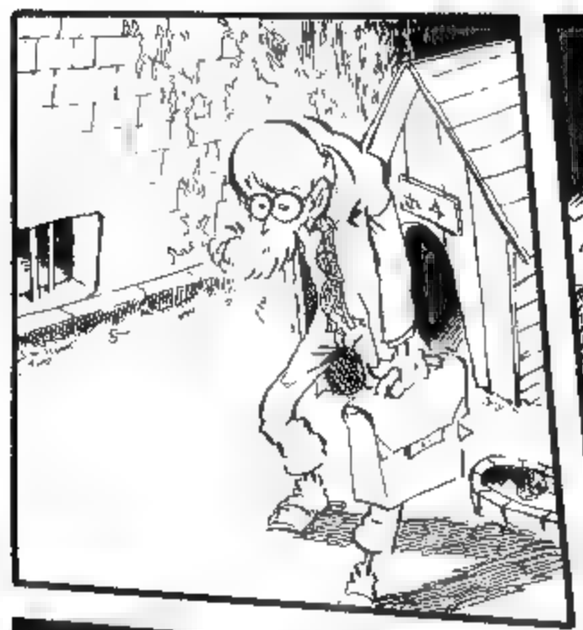
RIGHT THROUGH THAT WINDOW !!



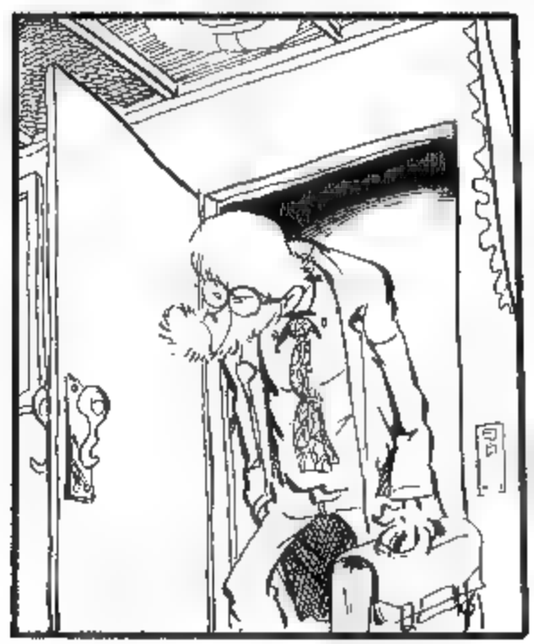


SEND A DOCTOR !!!


YOU BET, CHUM. BE THERE IN A JIFF.

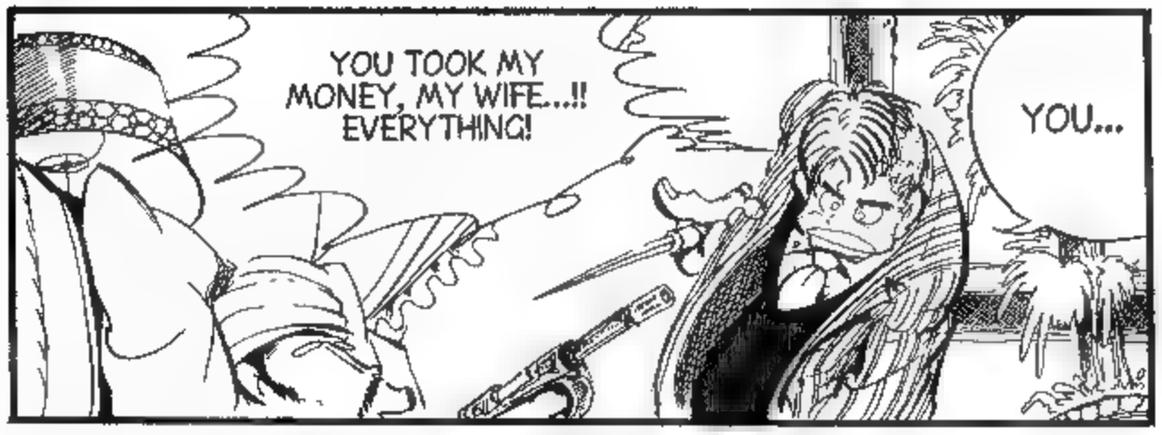


WHERE'S THE PATIENT?



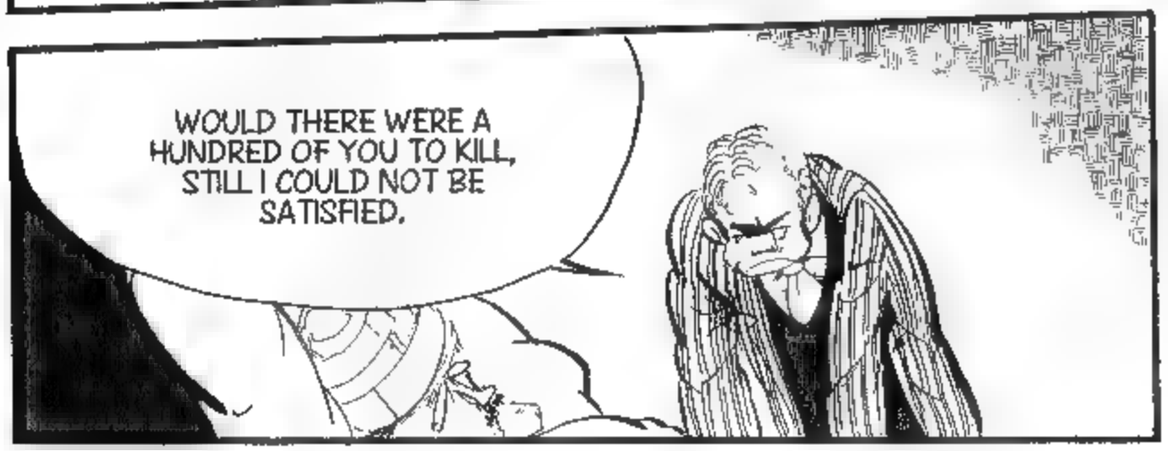
OH MY. THIS LOOKS MIGHTY SERIOUS.
MR. RASPUTIN, I PRESUME?
WAY TO GO, JIGEN. YA HURT HIM BUT DIDN'T KILL HIM.

SURE. IT'S ALL IN HIS HEAD.
IS HE GONNA BE ALL RIGHT, DOC?
...MR. SEGO.
DON'T EVEN TRY...


YOU TOOK MY MONEY, MY WIFE...!! EVERYTHING!
YOU...

YOU MANIPULATED MY THREE SECRETARIES INTO BEING YOUR WIVES!

THEY RAIDED MY OFFICE AND STOLE ALL OF MY NEW PRODUCT PLANS!

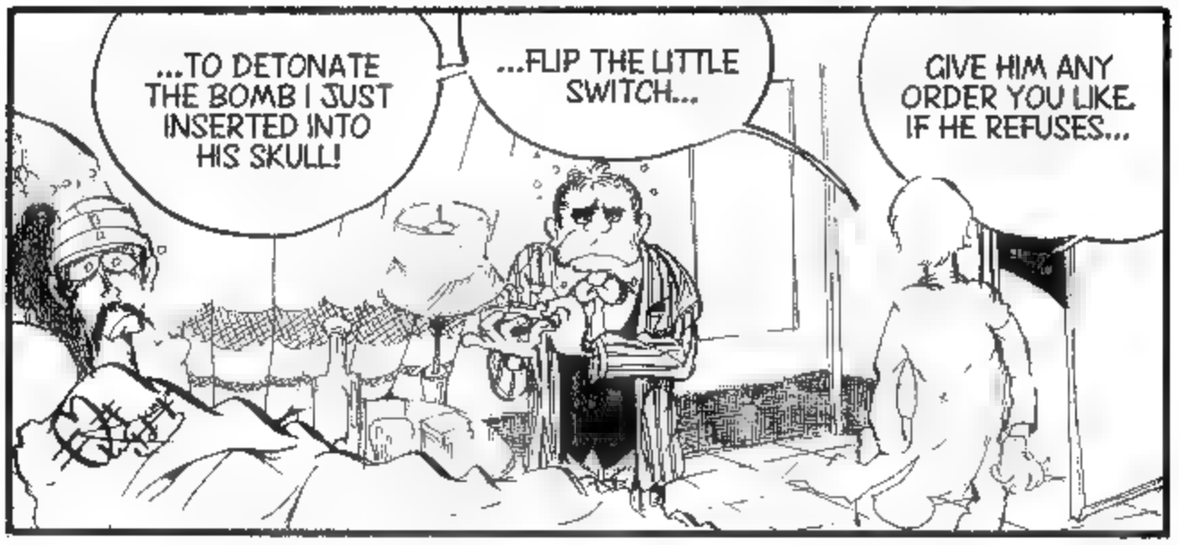

WOULD THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF YOU TO KILL, STILL I COULD NOT BE SATISFIED.

WHAT IF *YOU* HAD THE CHANCE TO MANIPULATE *HIM*?

IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR ART COLLECTION...PERHAPS?

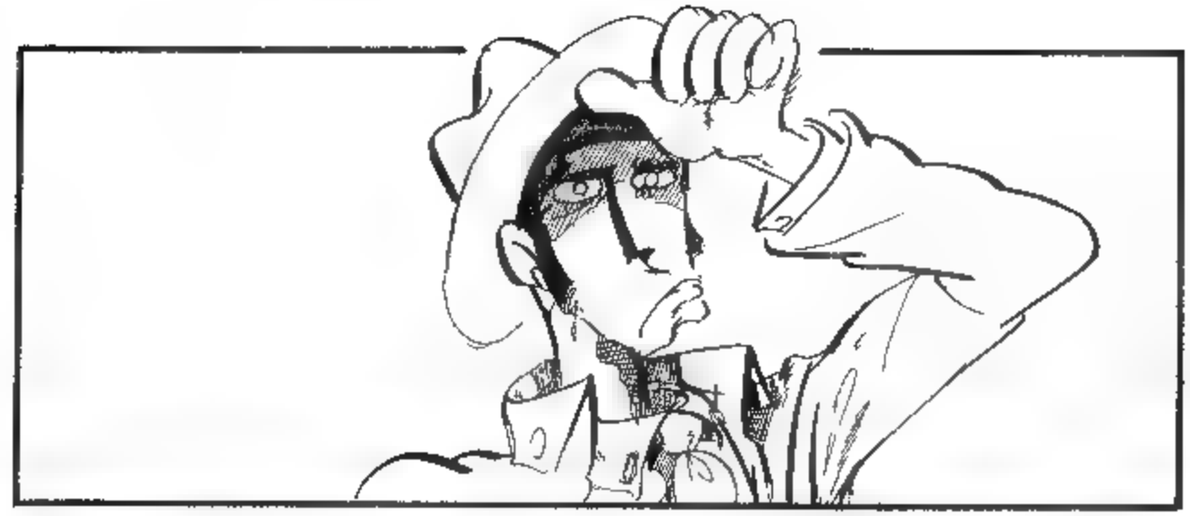
IF YOU CAN DISH HIM A BIT OF HIS OWN MEDICINE, I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT.
IT'S A DEAL.

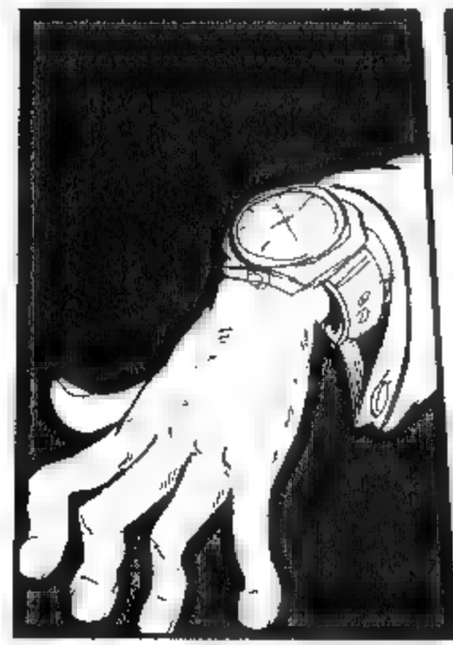
TAKE THIS.
DONE.

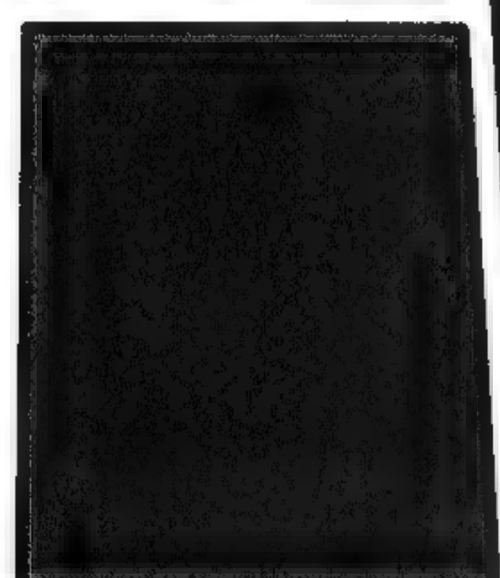

...TO DETONATE THE BOMB I JUST INSERTED INTO HIS SKULL!
...FLIP THE LITTLE SWITCH...
GIVE HIM ANY ORDER YOU LIKE. IF HE REFUSES...

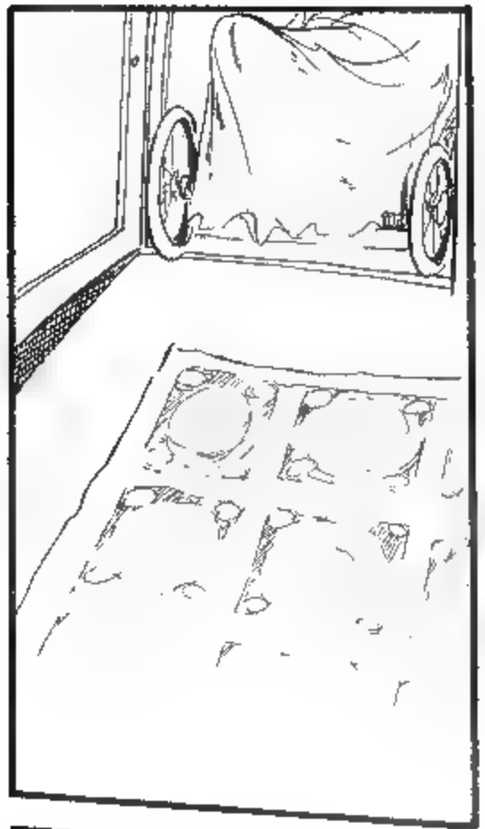
CHAPTER 101

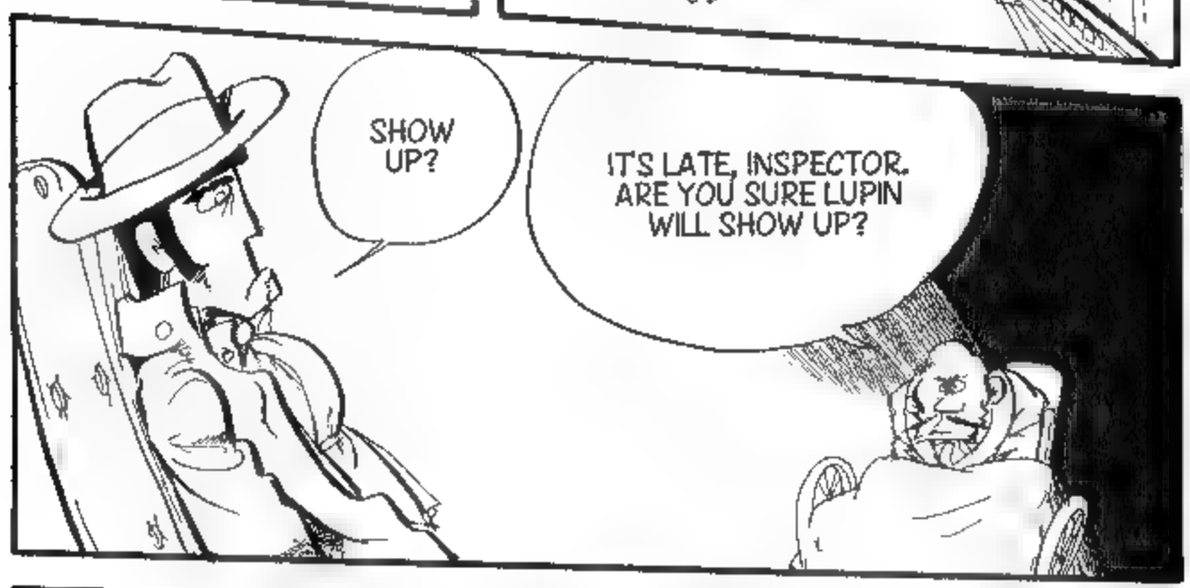
"PAYBACK PLAYBACK"







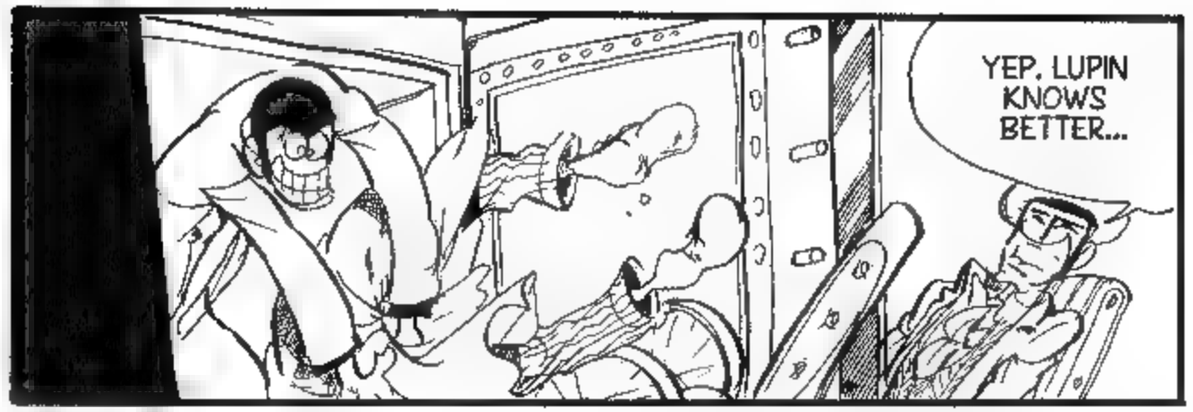



SHOW UP?
IT'S LATE, INSPECTOR. ARE YOU SURE LUPIN WILL SHOW UP?

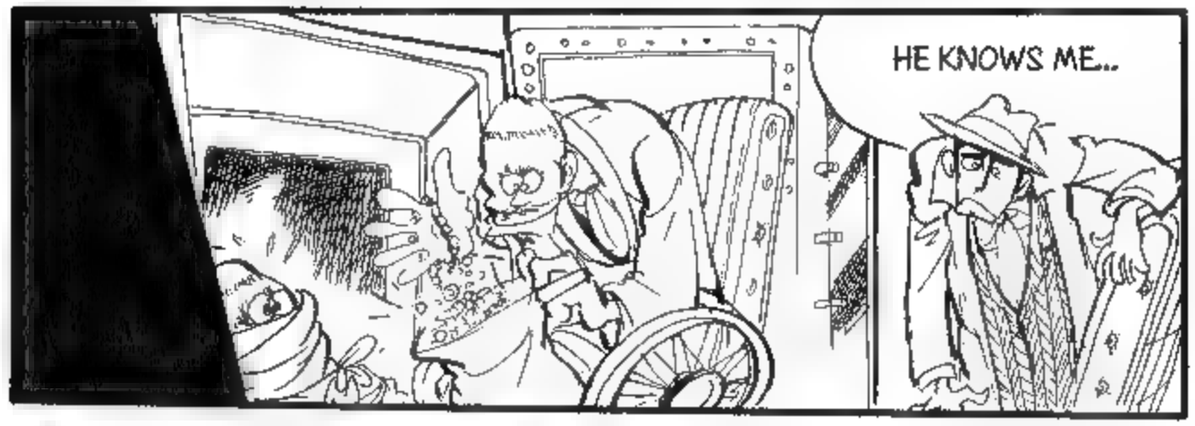
HA! LUPIN'S ALREADY IN YOUR HOUSE.

KEEP YOUR PANTS ON.
HE IS? WELL, WHERE IS HE? I WANT TO SEE HIM.
I'LL GRAB HIM THE SECOND HE SHOWS HIS SMUG FACE.
...BUT I THINK I'LL CHECK THE SAFE ONE MORE TIME.
FORGIVE ME...

Don't make a sound.
L3
SO HOW 'BOUT IT? EVERYTHING SAFE AND SECURE?
Don't make a sound
L3

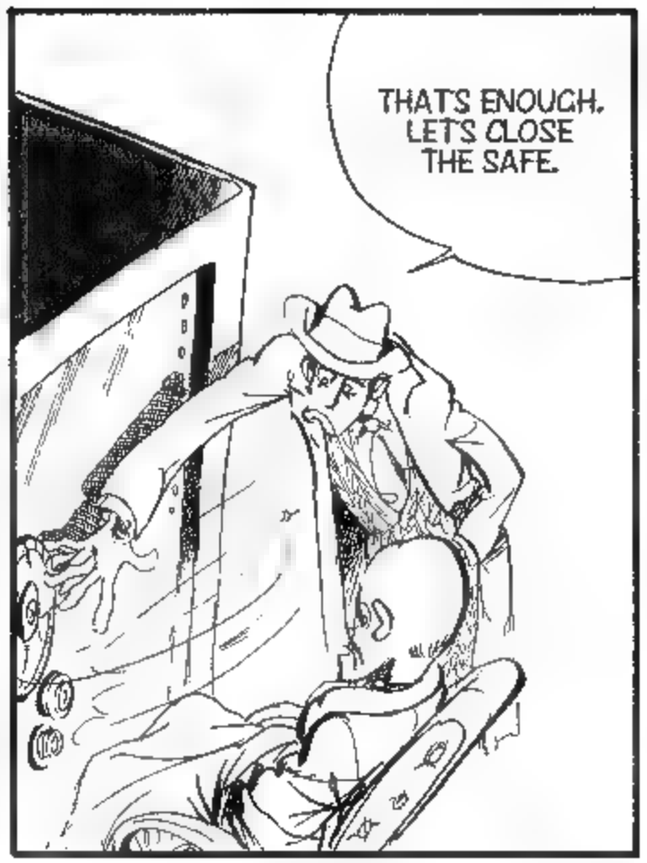

YEP. LUPIN KNOWS BETTER...

...THAN TO TRY SOMETHING ON ZENIGATA'S WATCH.


HE KNOWS ME...

...AND I KNOW HIM.

I'M GOING TO CALL YOUR CHIEF...
...AND TELL HIM WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB YOU'RE DOING.

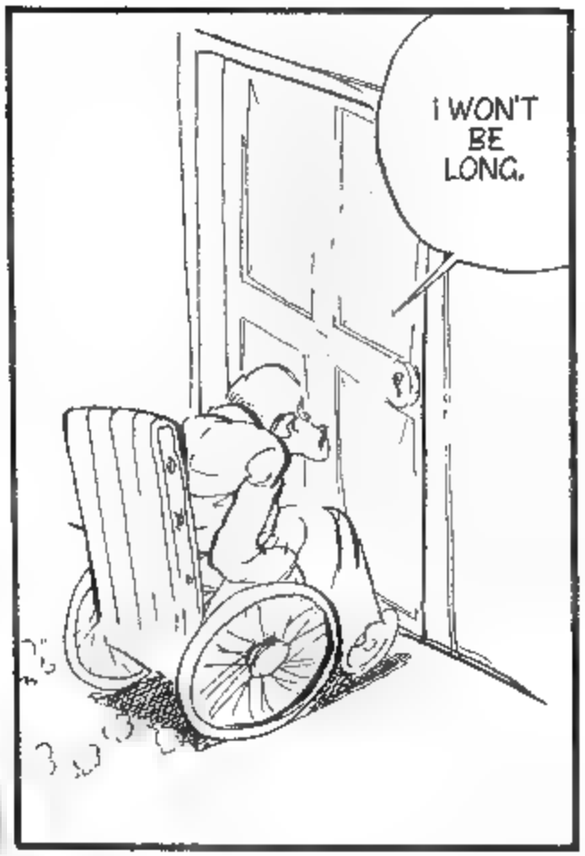

THAT'S ENOUGH. LET'S CLOSE THE SAFE.

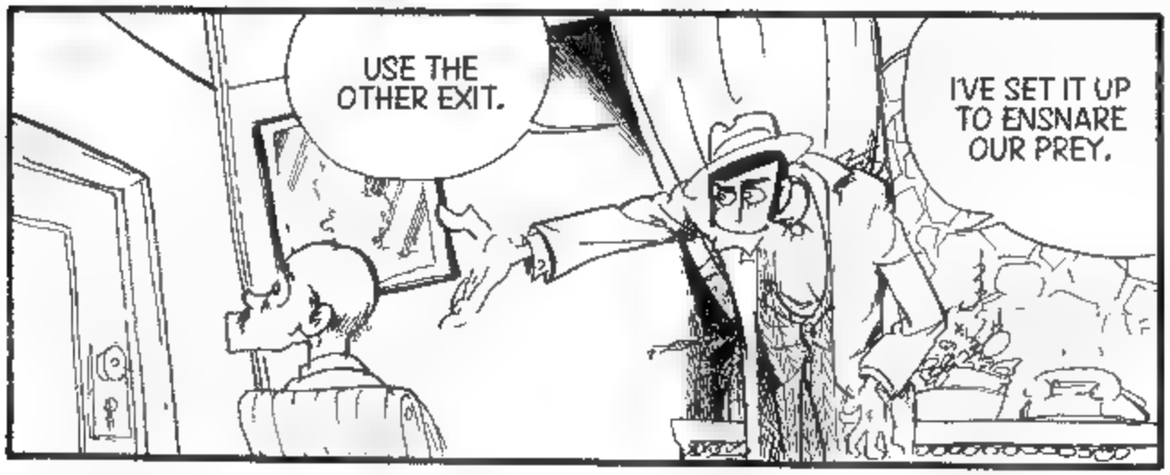
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.

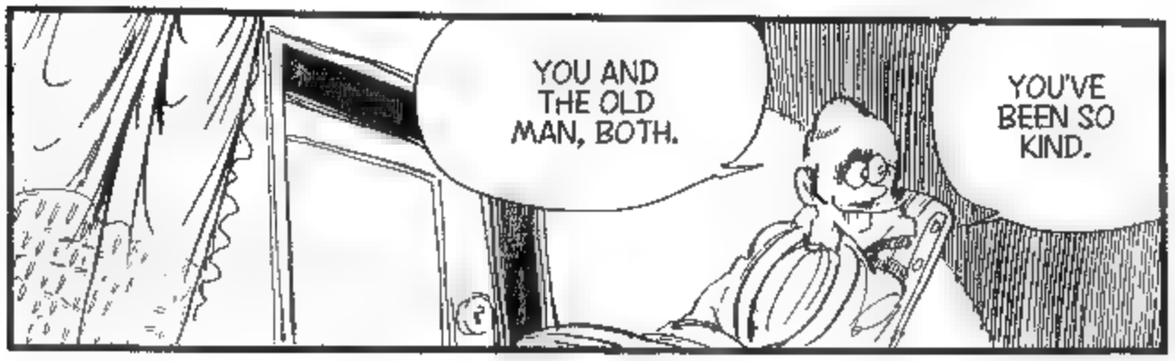
YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. WITH A FIRST-RATE POLICEMAN LIKE YOU IN CHARGE, I FEEL COMPLETELY SAFE.

WAIT. DON'T USE THAT DOOR.

IT'S BOOBY-TRAPPED.


I WON'T BE LONG.


USE THE OTHER EXIT.
I'VE SET IT UP TO ENSNARE OUR PREY.


YOU AND THE OLD MAN, BOTH.
YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND.

...TO THANK YOU FOR THE JEWELS!
HEH HEH HEH!
HEE HEE HEE...

I'LL DROP YOU A NOTE...

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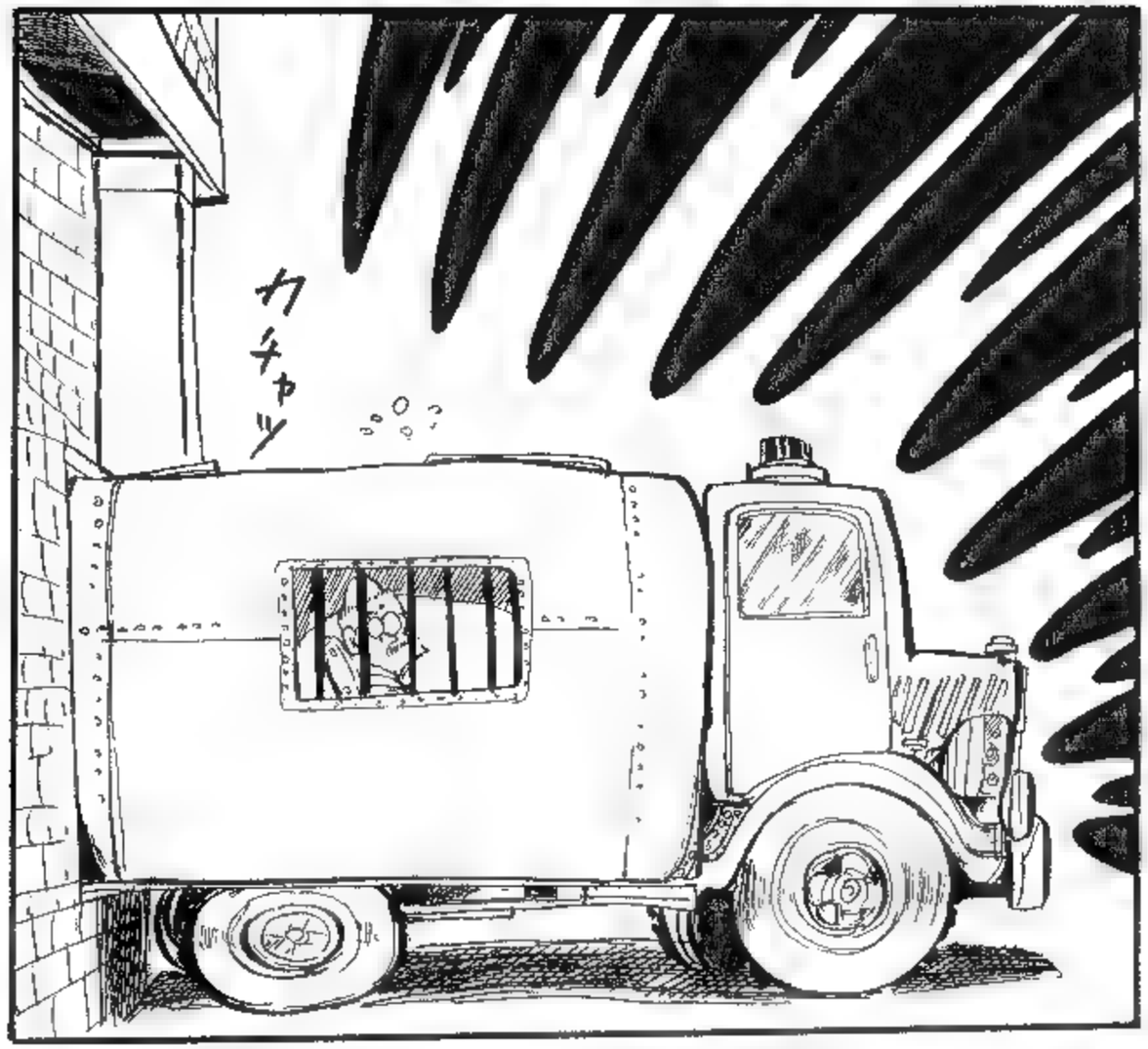
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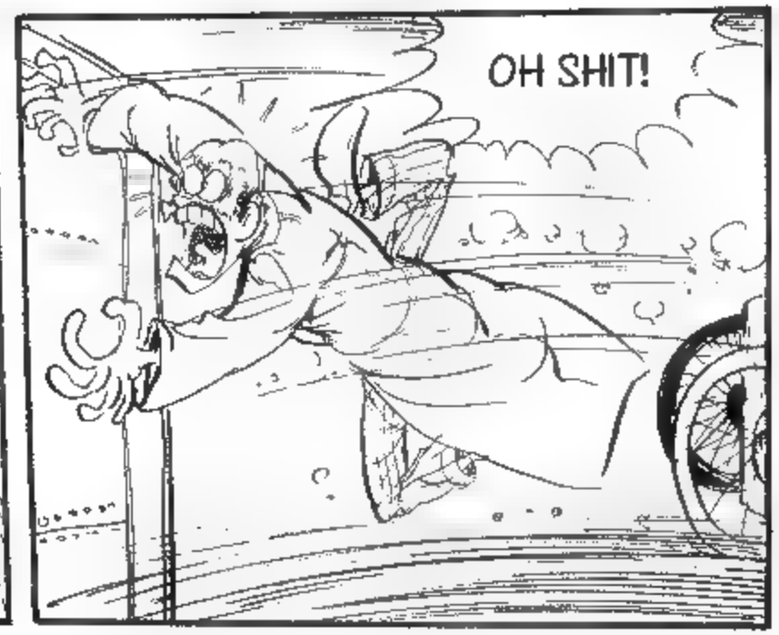
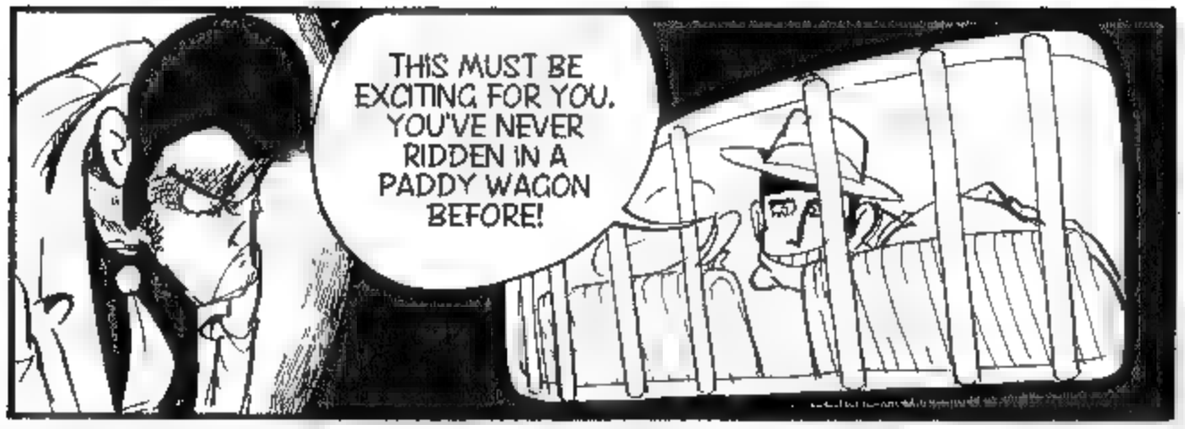
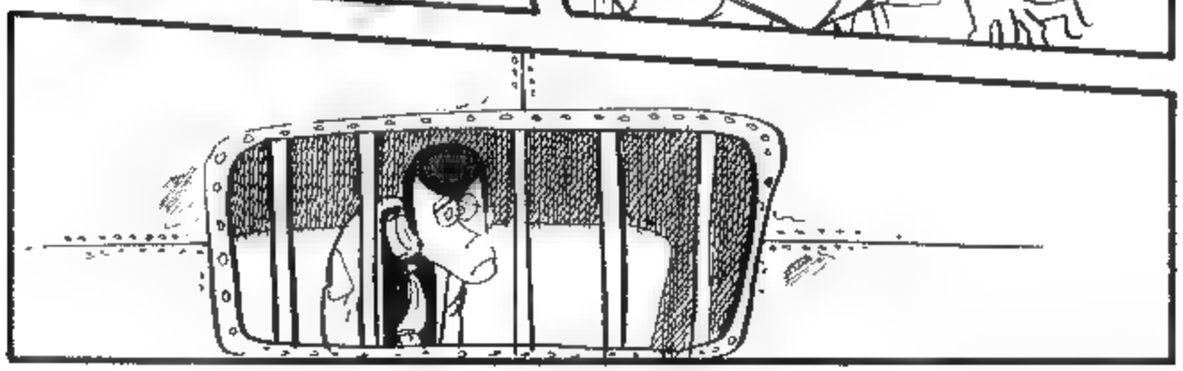

OH SHIT!

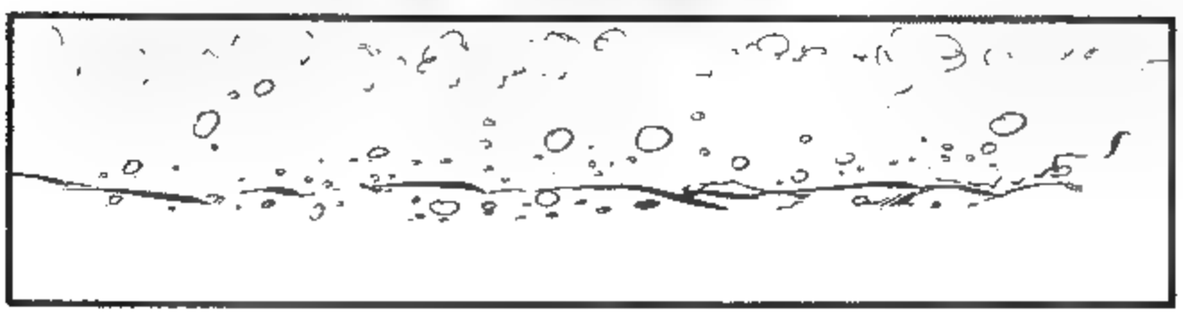
...AND I KNOW YOU...
LUPIN!!
HA HA HA!
LIKE I SAID.
HE KNOWS ME...
DAMN!

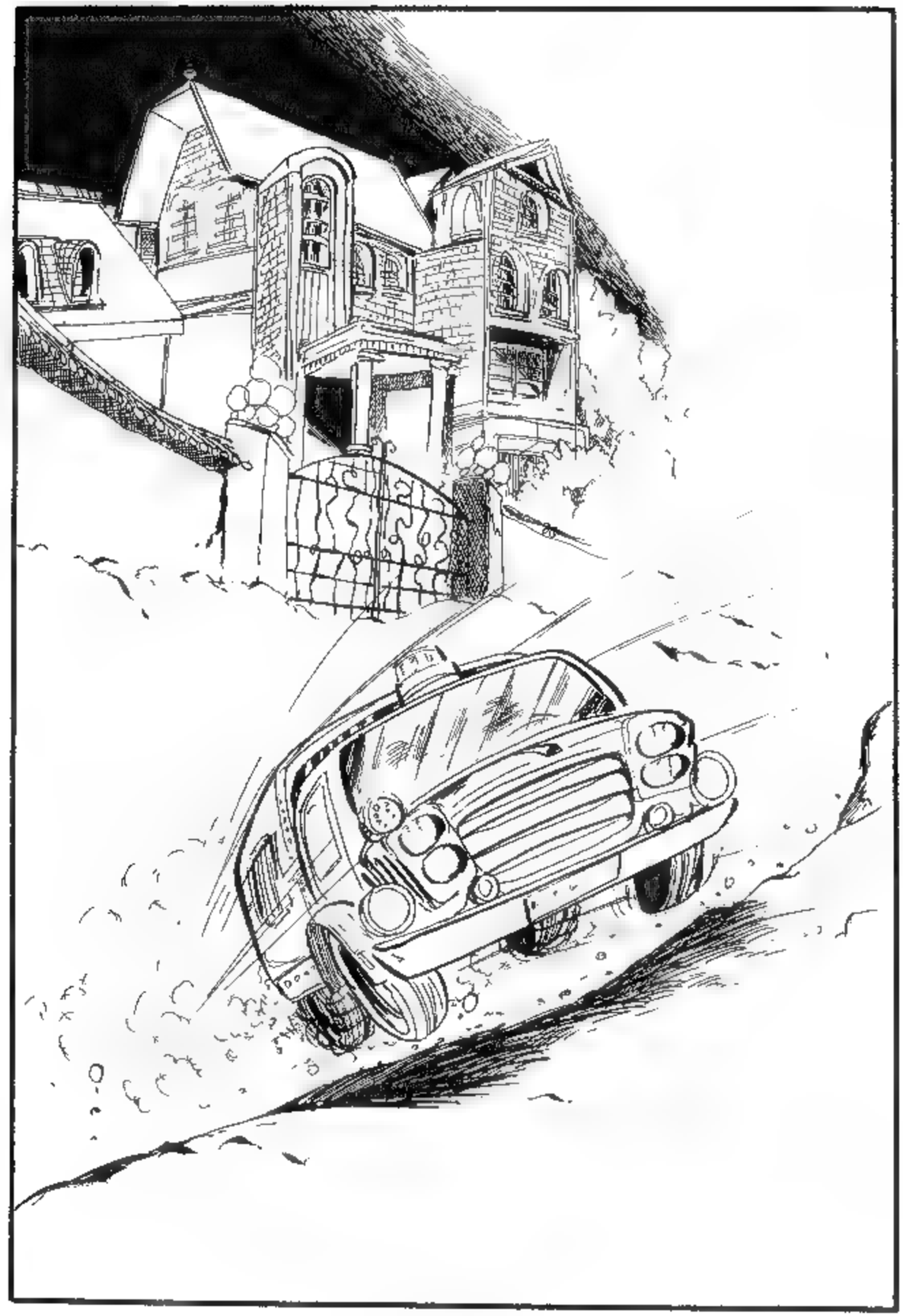
AND WE'RE OFF!
STRAIGHT
TO THE
PENITENTIARY!
HA HA HA...


THIS MUST BE EXCITING FOR YOU. YOU'VE NEVER RIDDEN IN A PADDY WAGON BEFORE!

TWENTY YEARS ON THE FORCE. TWENTY YEARS OF GRUELING SERVICE TO THE WORLD. AND NOW ITS ALL BEEN WORTH IT. HA HA HA.

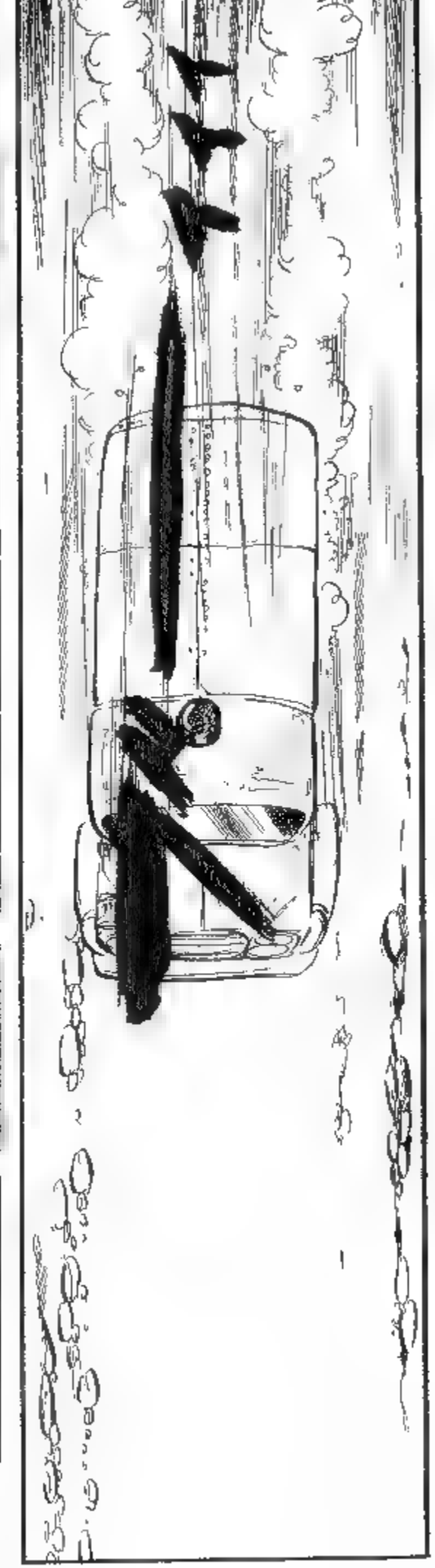


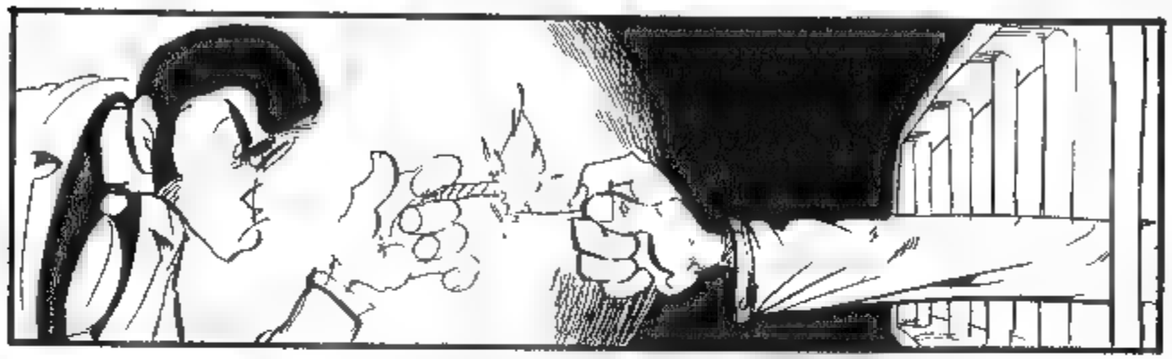


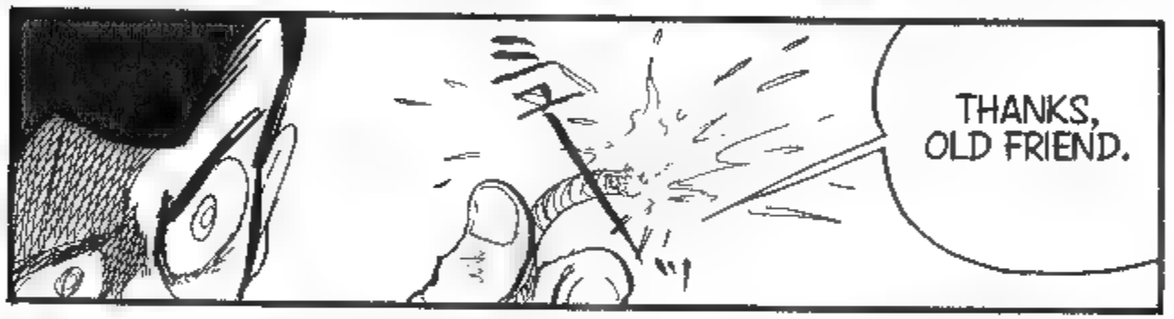


WANT A SMOKE?

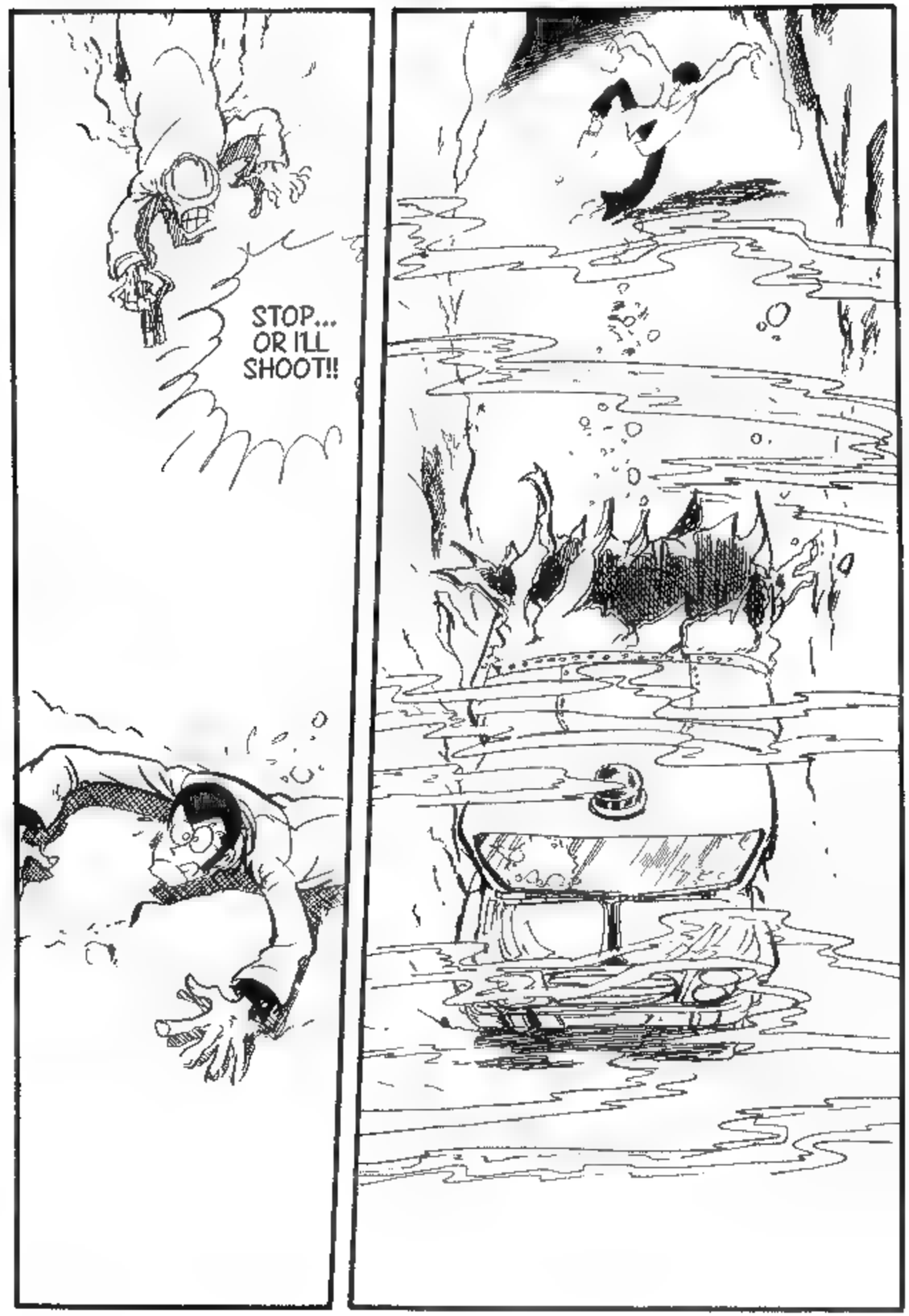
ALLOW ME.






THANKS, OLD FRIEND.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.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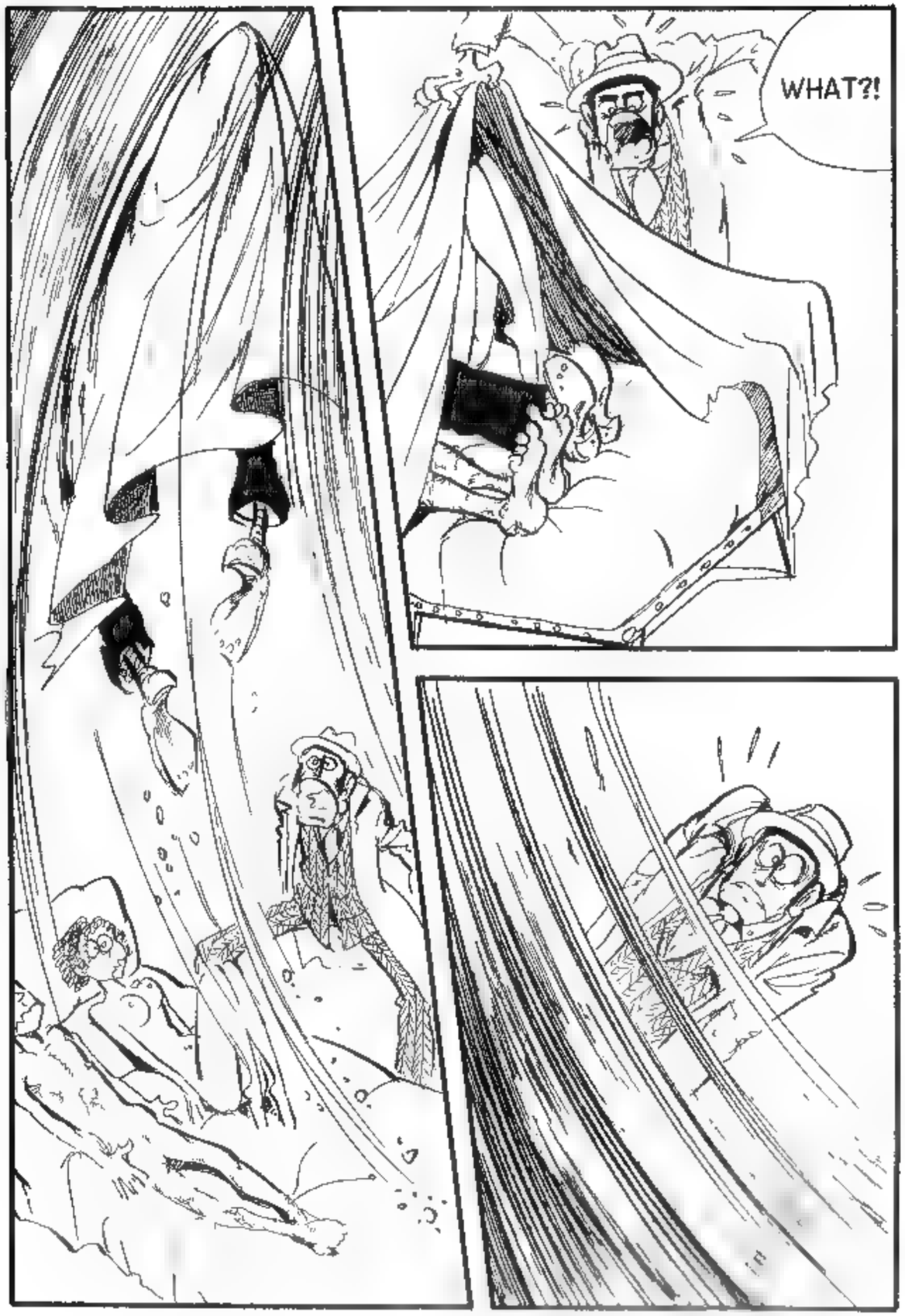
POLICE! I NEED TO SEARCH YOUR HOUSE!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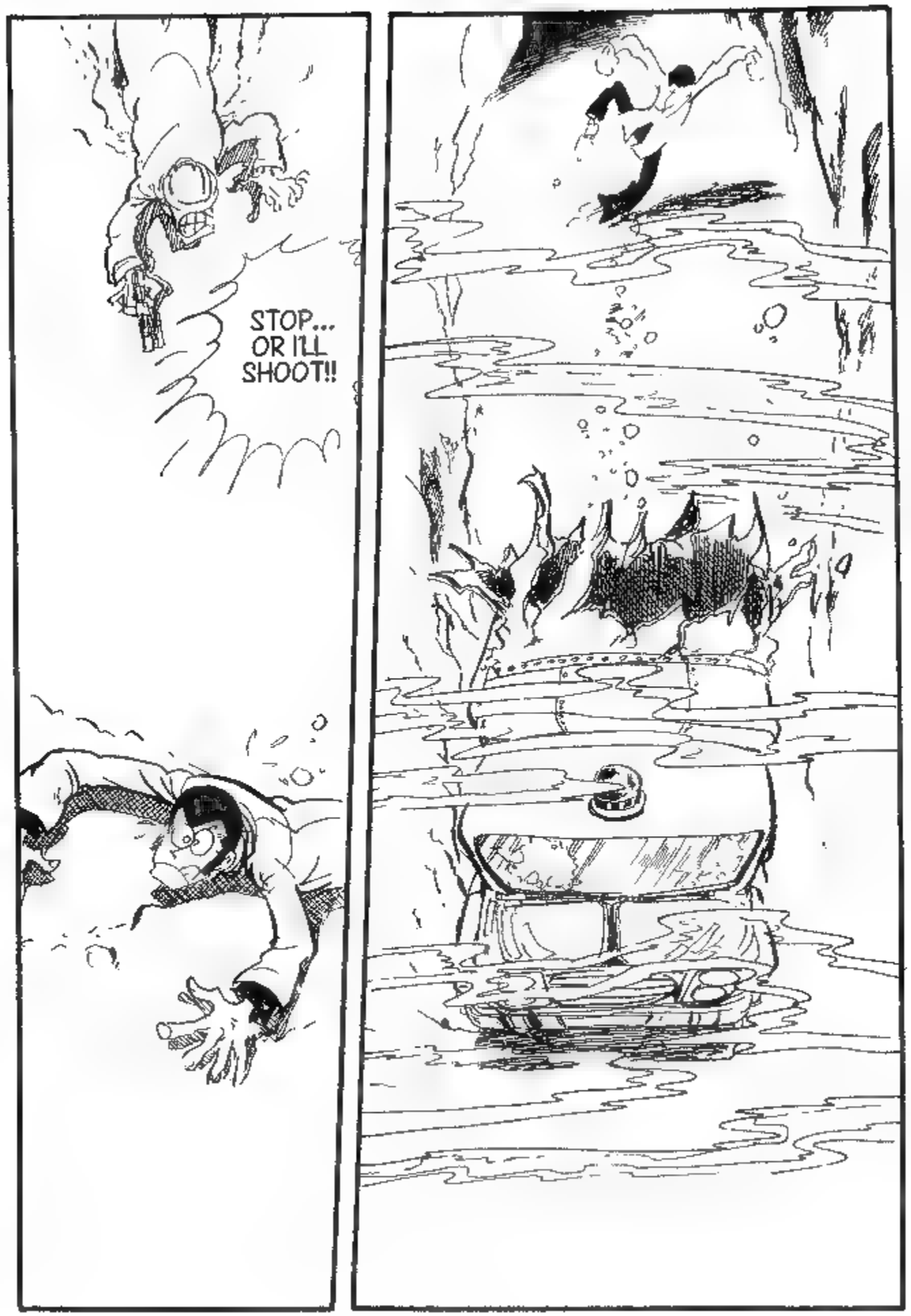
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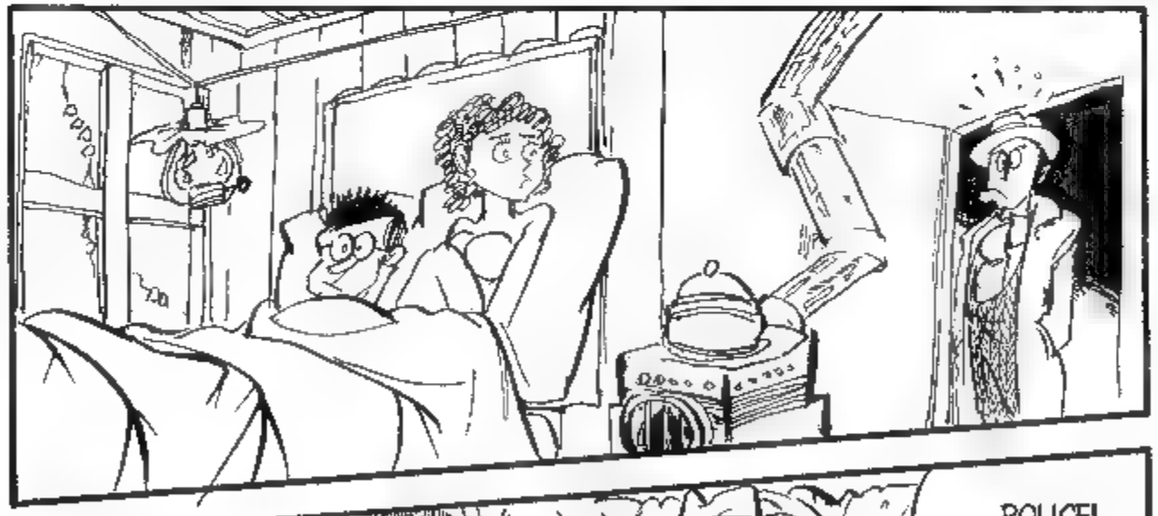

POLICE! I NEED TO SEARCH YOUR HOUSE!

WHAT?!

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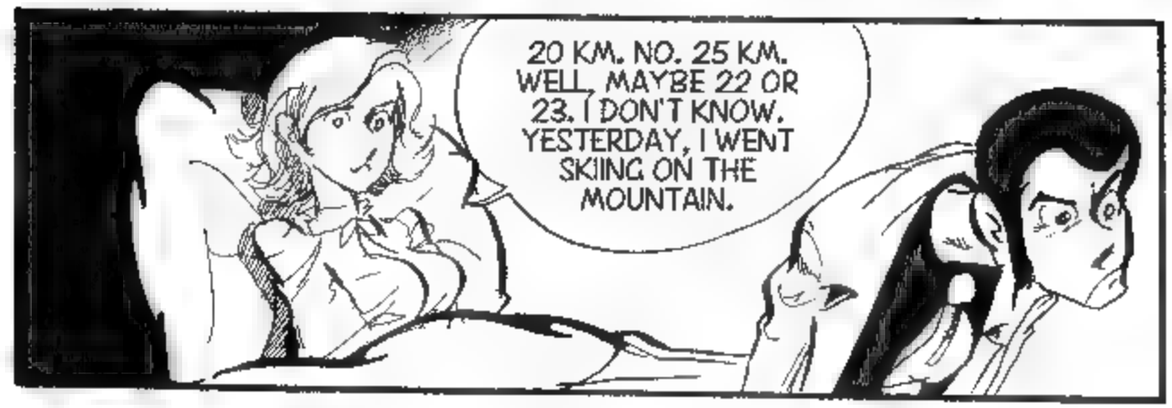
HOW FAR TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN FROM HERE?
SHHH...

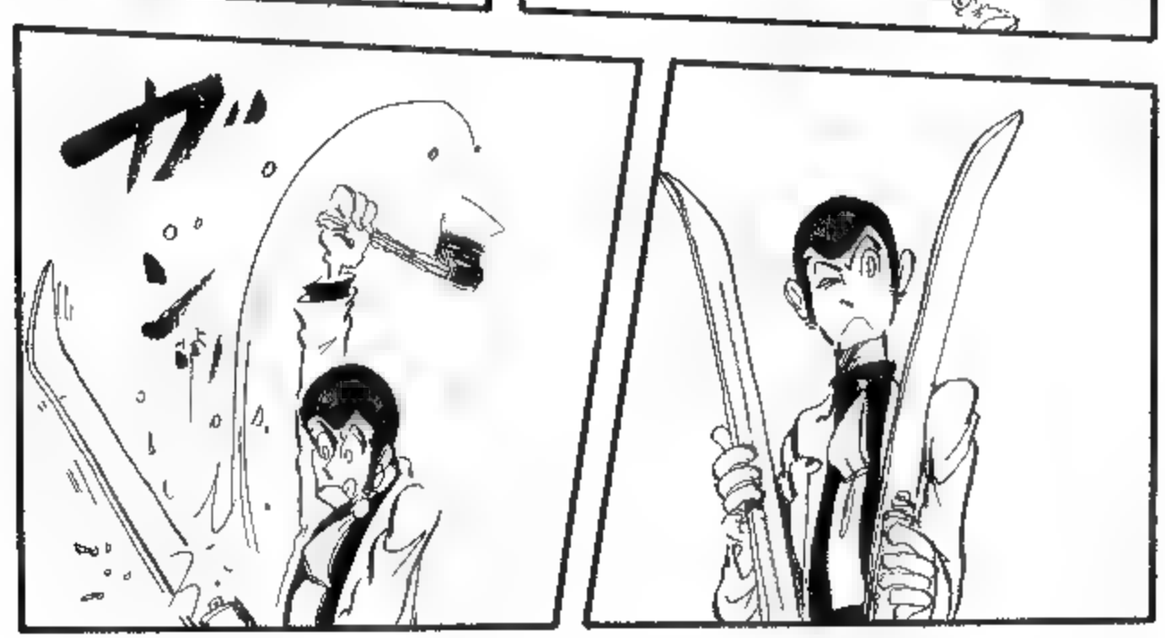

20 KM. NO. 25 KM. WELL, MAYBE 22 OR 23. I DON'T KNOW. YESTERDAY, I WENT SKIING ON THE MOUNTAIN.

HILAR IOUS.
YOU...THE MOUNTAIN... MY SKI! 22 OR 23 KM!!
HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO
I LOST MY SKI AND IT SLID ALL THE WAY HOME. ALL 22 OR 23 KM! HMM? ISN'T THAT FUNNY?

AND I COULD USE YOUR HELP.

ARE YOU A FUGITIVE? HUH? ARE YOU?
I'M AFRAID I AM.

YOU GOT IT.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OKAY. ON THE COUNT OF THREE, AND DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE.

WHERE?!

AHHHHHHHHHH IT'S LUPIN! LUPIN! LUPIN IS HERE!!

YOU JUST MISSED HIM! HE WENT THAT WAY!

THROUGH THAT ROOM!!

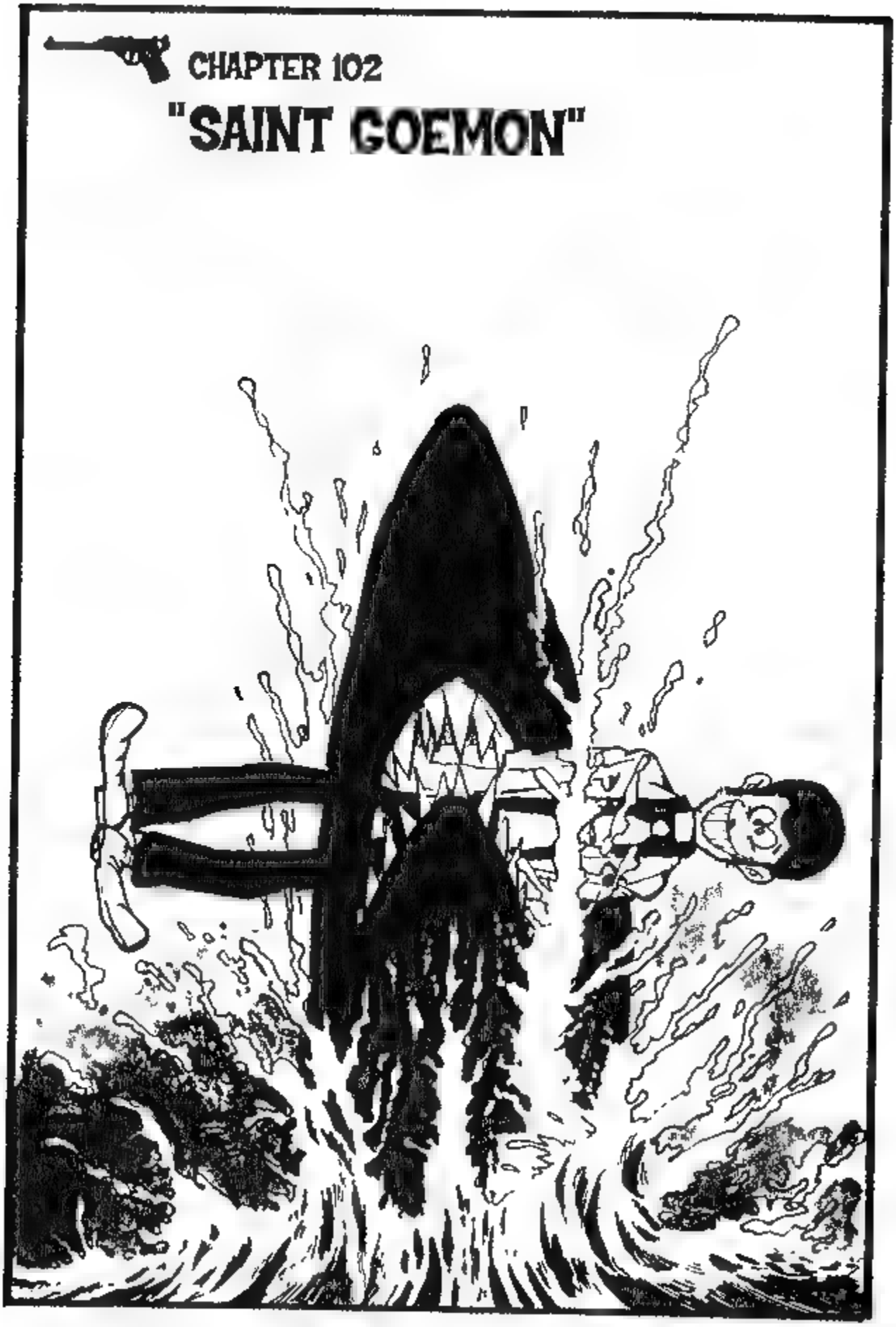
GIVE UP, LUPIN. YOU'LL NEVER OUTRUN ME. I'VE SPENT TWENTY YEARS ON THE FORCE!

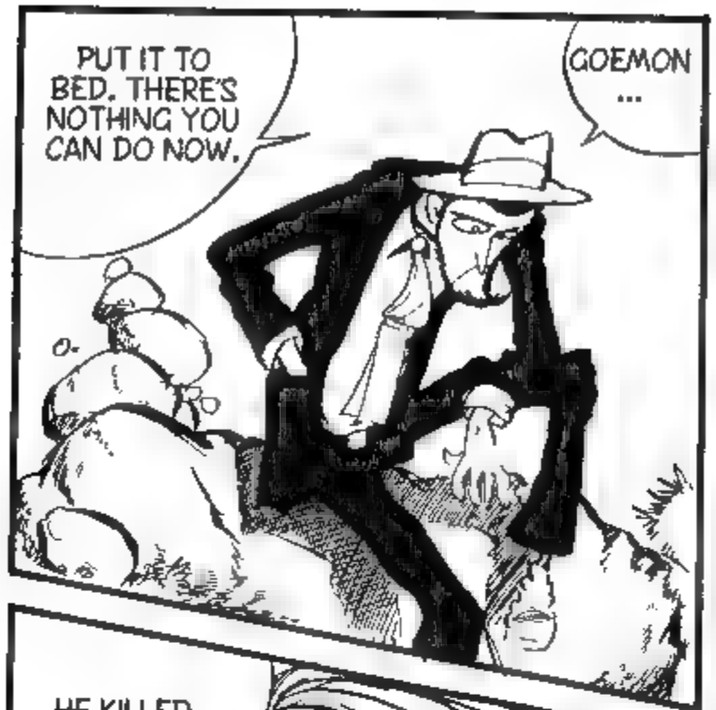
OR WE CAN DO THIS THE HARD WAY!

HM?!
LOOKS FAMILIAR, DOESN'T IT?

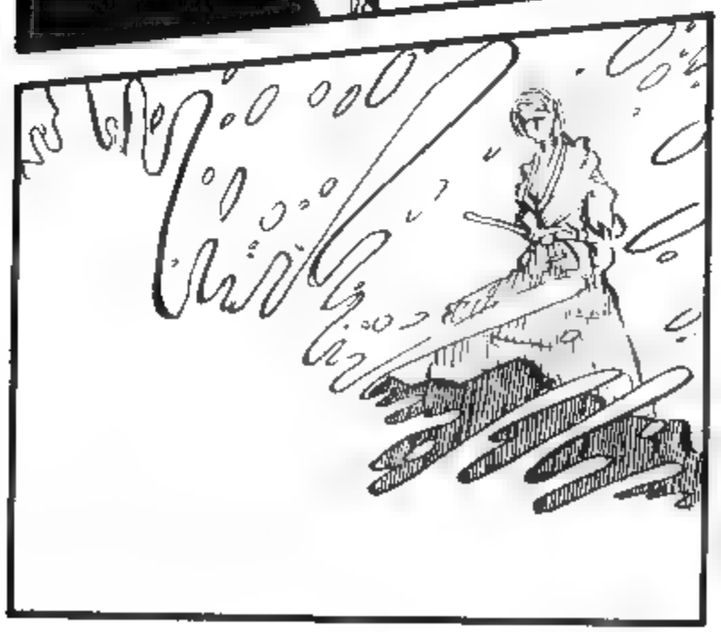
CHAPTER 102

"SAINT GOEMON"




PUT IT TO BED. THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO NOW.
GOEMON ...

HE KILLED MY ONLY UNCLE.



NO PLACE IS SAFE FOR HIM. HE CANNOT ESCAPE MY REVENGE.

AND HE WAS STRUCK DOWN INGLORIOUSLY BY THIS WORM!
MY UNCLE WAS A GOOD MAN-- A SAINT!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THE COPS ARRESTED HIM AND PUT HIM ON TRIAL.

HE'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO HIM.

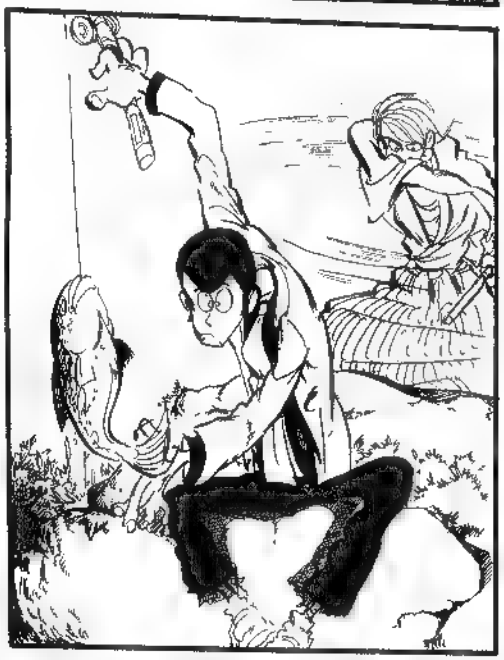
LUPIN!! I CALL UPON YOUR HELP FOR THIS.

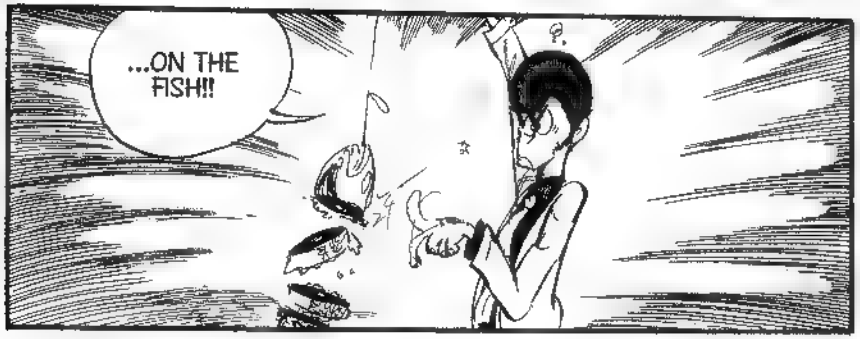
BUT I'M FISHING ...

DAMN HIM!!

NO!
NOT JUSTICE!
I WANT REVENGE!

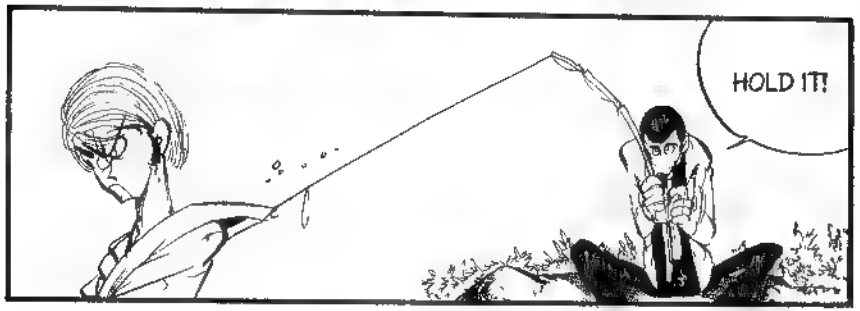
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL.
BUT DON'T TAKE IT OUT...




...ON THE FISH!!

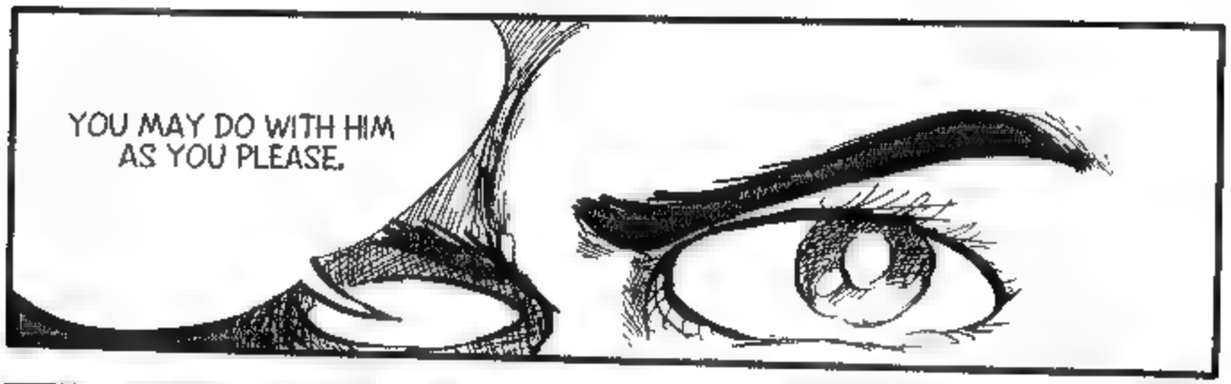
TO THE COURTHOUSE. I'LL STRIKE HIM DOWN THE MINUTE HE LEAVES THE PRISON TRANSPORT.

COOL IT, BUB.
WHERE YA HEADED ?


HOLD IT!

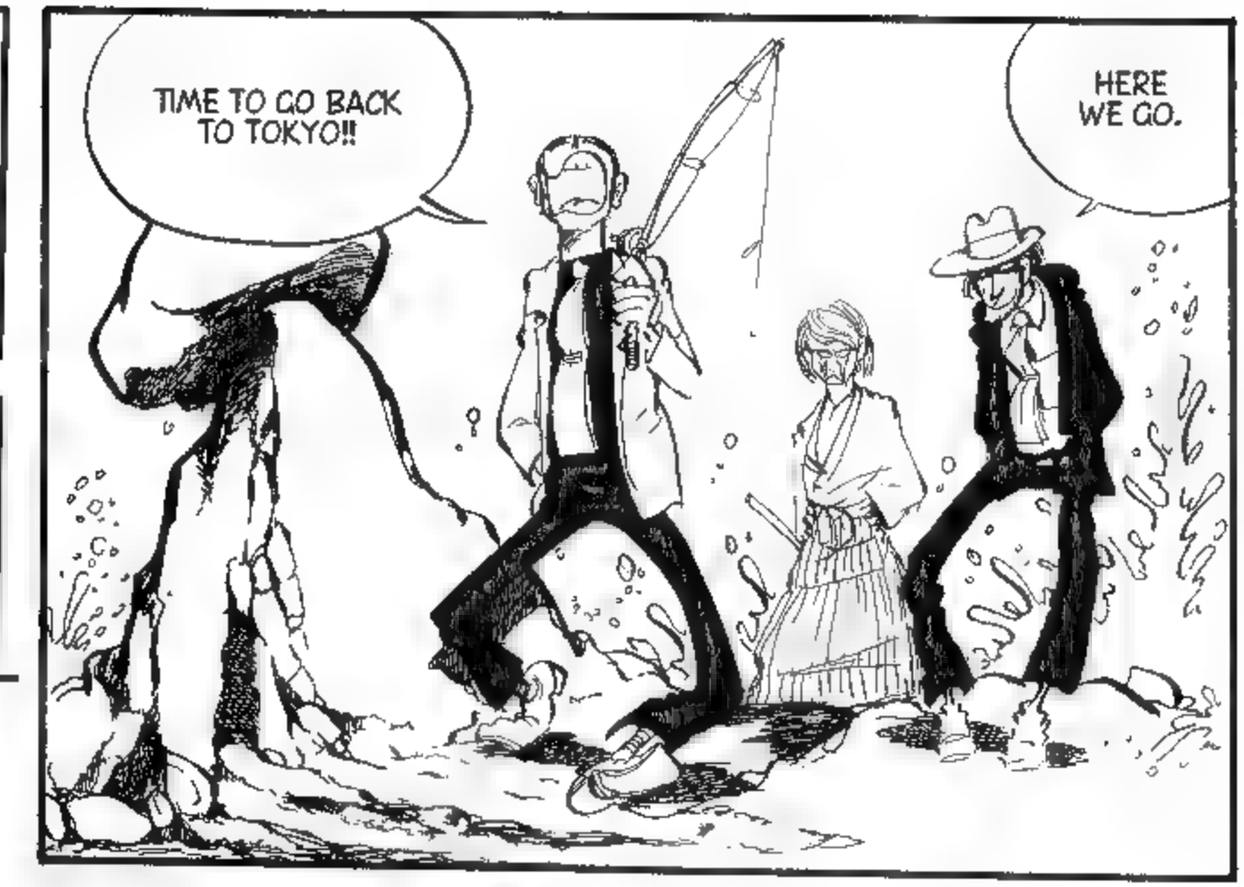
TO HELL WITH YOU! THIS IS A MATTER OF HONOR.
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE RILED UP LIKE THAT. HAVE A SEAT.
...I'LL STRIKE YOU DOWN TOO!!
IF YOU TRY TO STOP ME...
HE MUST HAVE MISSED HIS NAP.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO CRANKY.
HIS UNCLE CHOPPED UP LIKE THAT.
YOU CAN'T BLAME HIM.

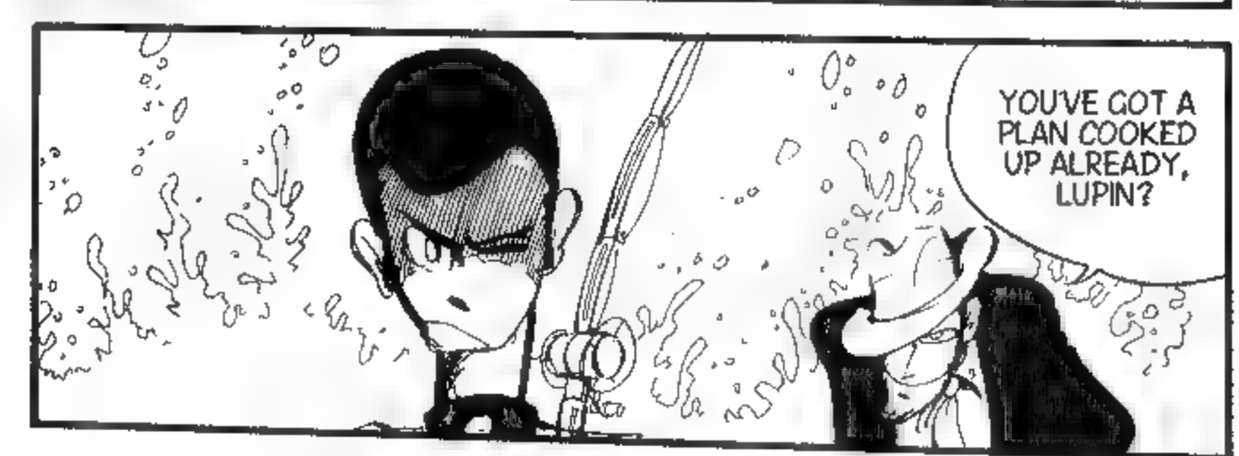
WHEN HE'S SITTING STILL LIKE THAT, IT MEANS HE'S UP TO SOMETHING.
OH, YEAH. HIS MIND IS GOING A MILLION MILES AN HOUR.
JIGEN !!
GOEMON !!
HEY, GOEMON. LOOK AT LUPIN.

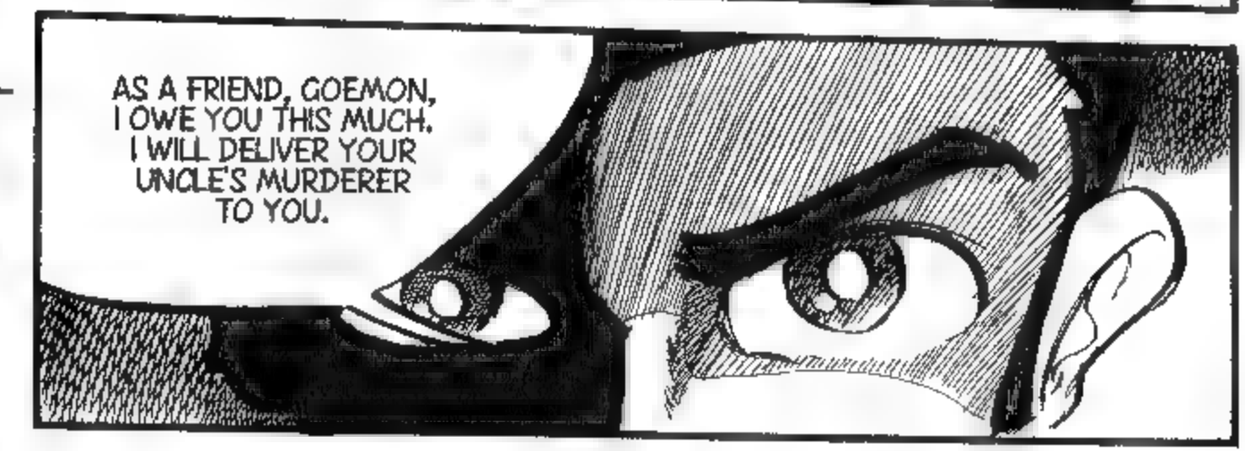

YOU MAY DO WITH HIM AS YOU PLEASE.

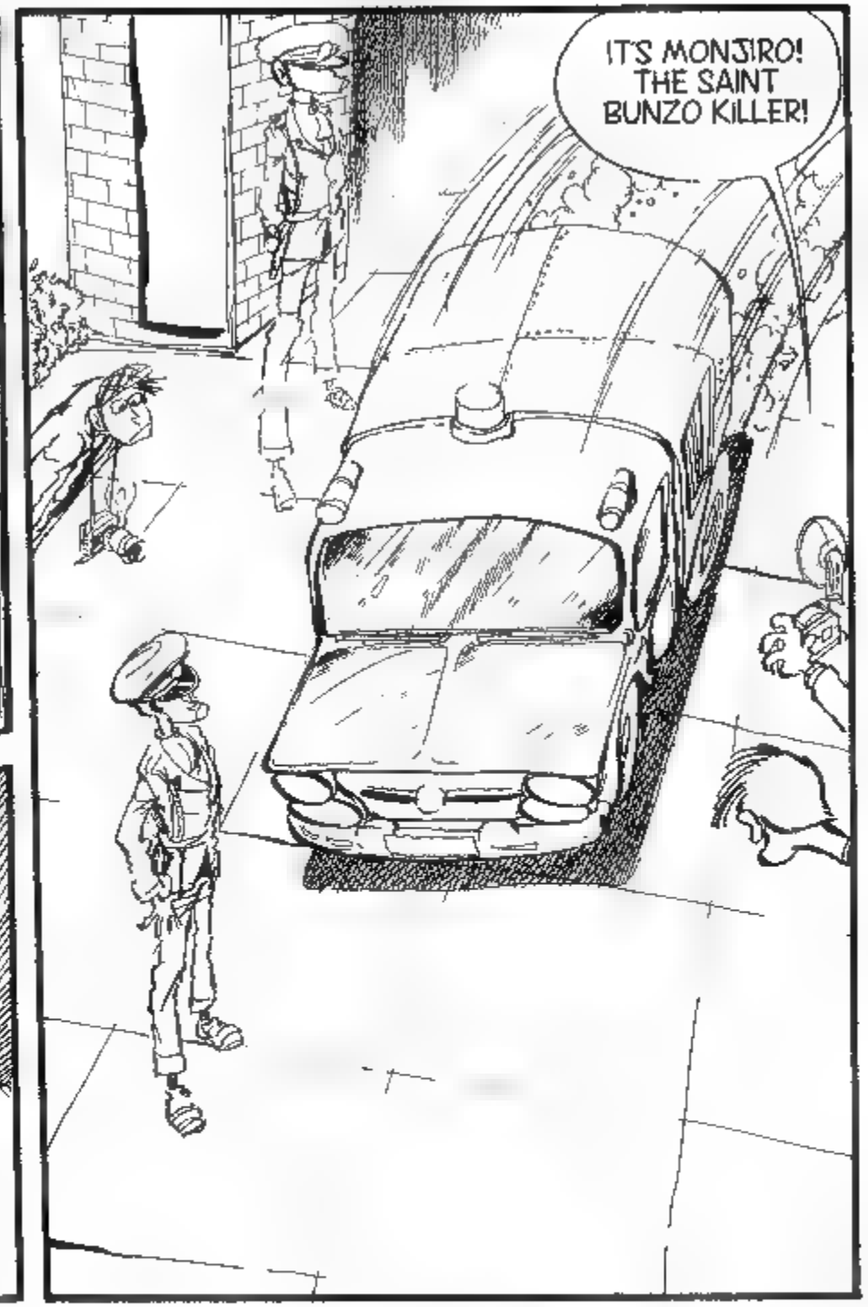
TOKYO COURTHOUSE

HERE HE COMES!!

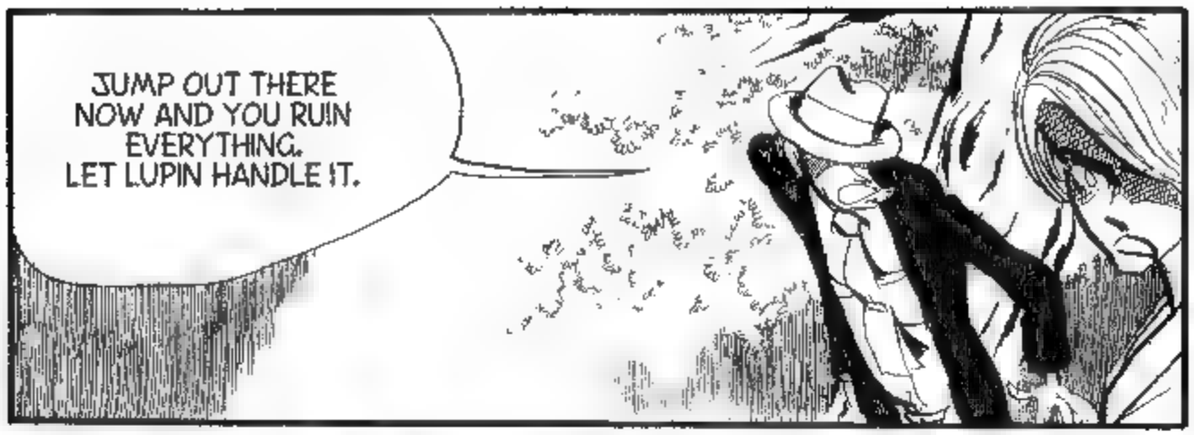

TIME TO GO BACK TO TOKYO!!
HERE WE GO.


YOU'VE GOT A PLAN COOKED UP ALREADY, LUPIN?


AS A FRIEND, GOEMON, I OWE YOU THIS MUCH. I WILL DELIVER YOUR UNCLE'S MURDERER TO YOU.


IT'S MONJIRO! THE SAINT BUNZO KILLER!

IT'S HIM!!
GOEMON!!


JUMP OUT THERE NOW AND YOU RUIN EVERYTHING. LET LUPIN HANDLE IT.

PEEK-A-BOO, I SEE YOU, GOEMON-SAN. COME TO GET MY AUTOGRAPH? HEH HEH HEH...

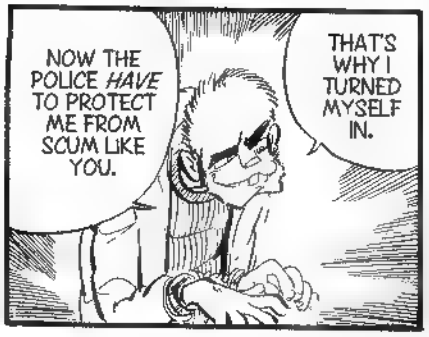
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO FOLLOW ME ALL THE WAY TO PRISON, WOULD YOU? HEE HEE HEE!!

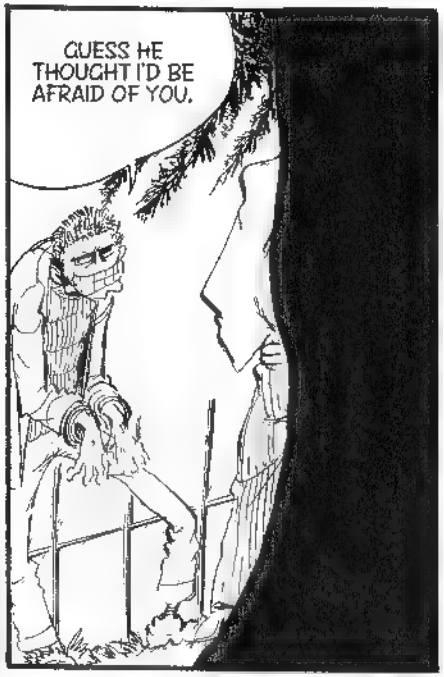
OR MAYBE YOU CAME FOR REVENGE? HEH HEH HEH... TOO BAD. I'M ABOUT TO GO TO TRIAL, THEN TO THE SLAMMER.

I FEEL BAD ABOUT YOUR UNCLE.

BUT HE WAS DEFENSELESS AT THE TIME. GUESS HE RELIED ON YOU TO PROTECT HIM.
HE NEEDED TO DIE, OF COURSE. HE WAS IN MY WAY.

AND YOU ARE ONE BAD MOTHER FUCKER, GOEMON.


NOW THE POLICE *HAVE* TO PROTECT ME FROM SCUM LIKE YOU.
THAT'S WHY I TURNED MYSELF IN.

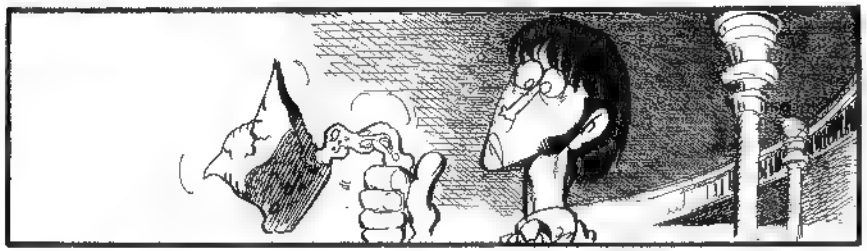

GUESS HE THOUGHT I'D BE AFRAID OF YOU.

HA HA HA HA HA! YA STILL WANT MY BLOOD! COME GET IT IN JAIL!! HA HA HA HA...

COURT IS NOW IN SESSION!

YES. THAT'S RIGHT. I KILLED HIM. SEND ME UP THE RIVER.

EXHIBIT A-THE MURDER WEAPON!
...INDICATES A TOTAL LACK OF CONSCIENCE!
THE BRUTALITY OF THE CRIME ...
BUNZO WAS A SAINT!!
WITH THIS, MONJIRO HACKED SAINT BUNZO...
...TO PIECES!



HE WAS MURDERED WITH A RUBBER AXE?

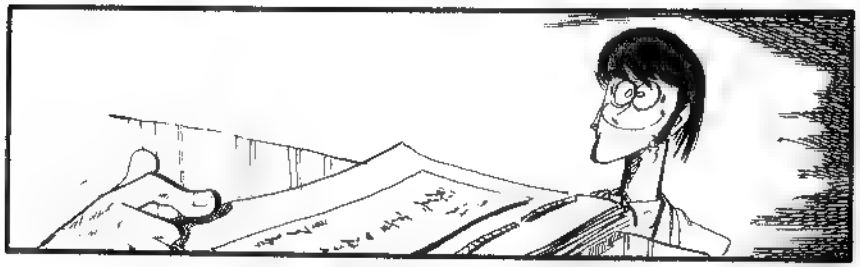
HERE IS A PHOTO OF THE MURDER SCENE.
THIS IS A MISTAKE. IT MUST HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTALLY MIXED INTO THE EVIDENCE...
IT WAS TAKEN BY AN AMERICAN TOURIST.
THIS PICTURE?
IT CLEARLY SHOWS THE DEFENDANT KILLING MR. BUNZO WITH THE AXE.
THIS IS A PICTURE OF YOU... COUNSEL!!

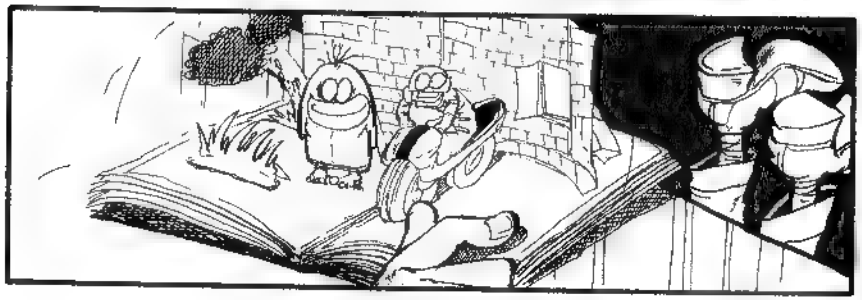
MY CASE IS FALLING APART!

I DON'T FIND YOUR ARGUMENT THUS FAR COMPELLING OR FUNNY.

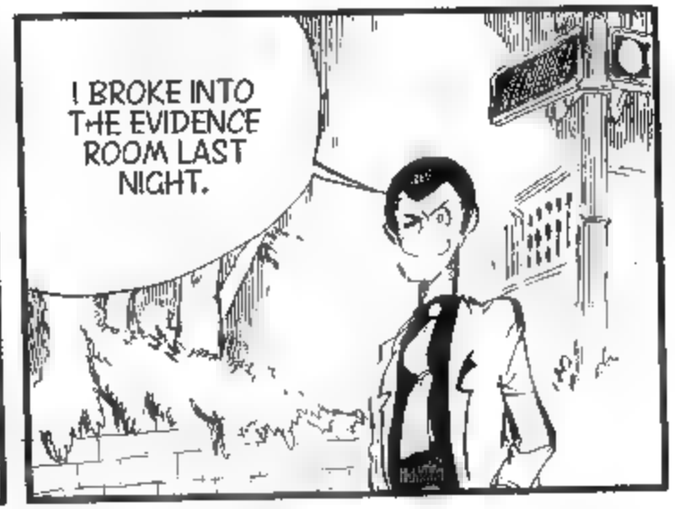
I SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT AS STATE'S EVIDENCE.
THIS IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY.

TAKE A LOOK.
INSIDE IS A SIGNED CONFESSION TO THE MURDER OF MR. BUNZO.





THE DEFENDANT IS FREE TO GO!
CASE DISMISSED!
THE PROSECUTION'S EVIDENCE, BEING OF A NATURE FACETIOUS AND IMPERTINENT, IS INADMISSIBLE!



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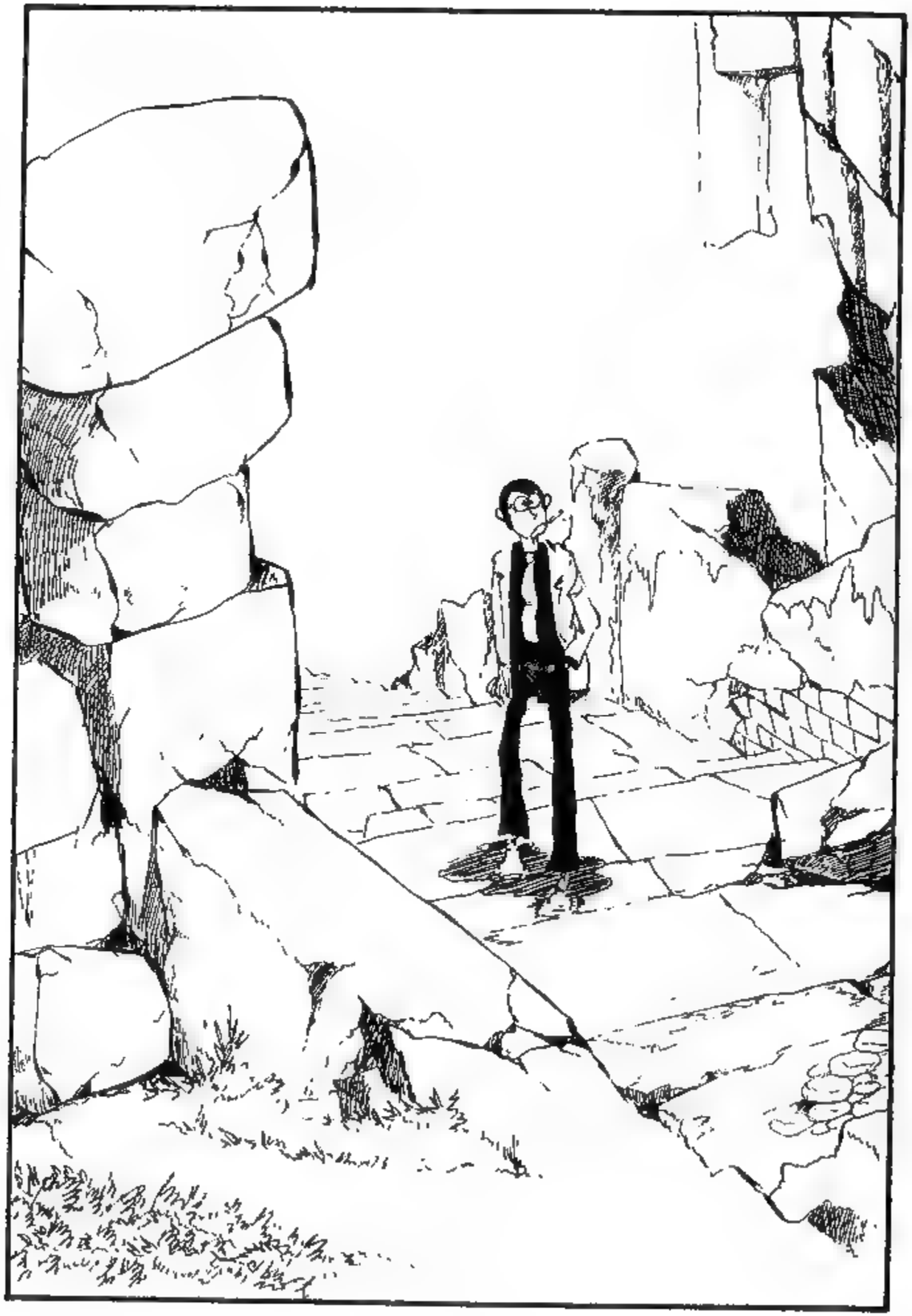


CHAPTER 103

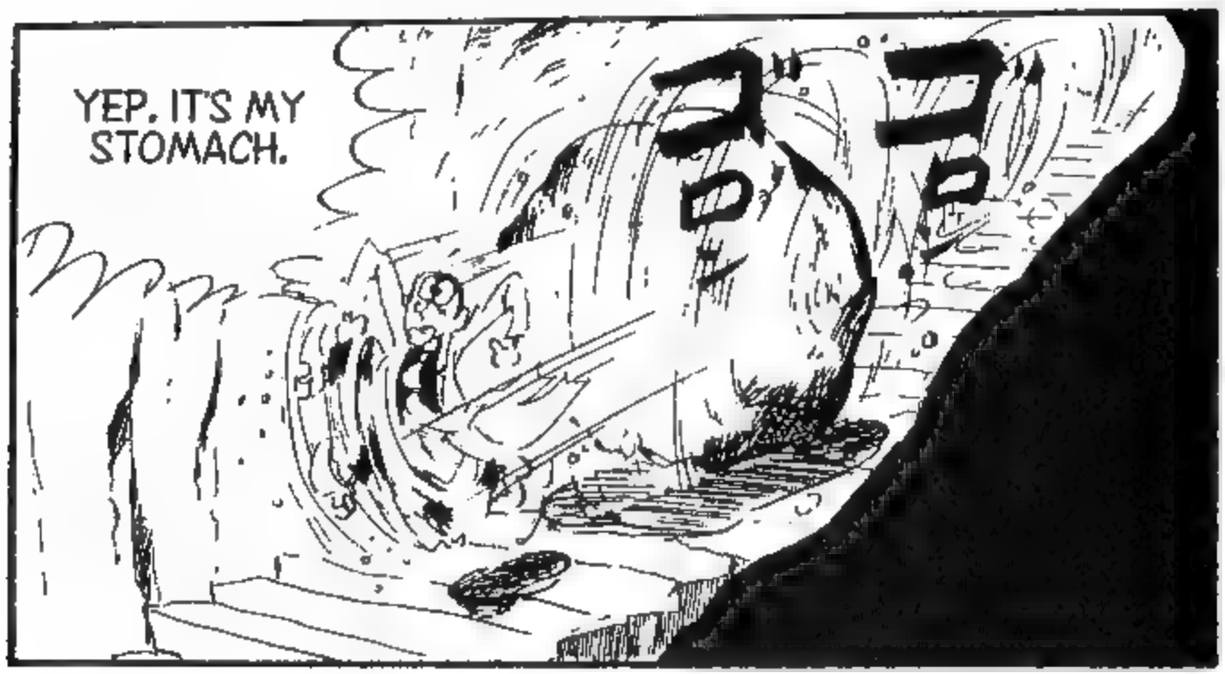
"A TREASURE TO SERVE"

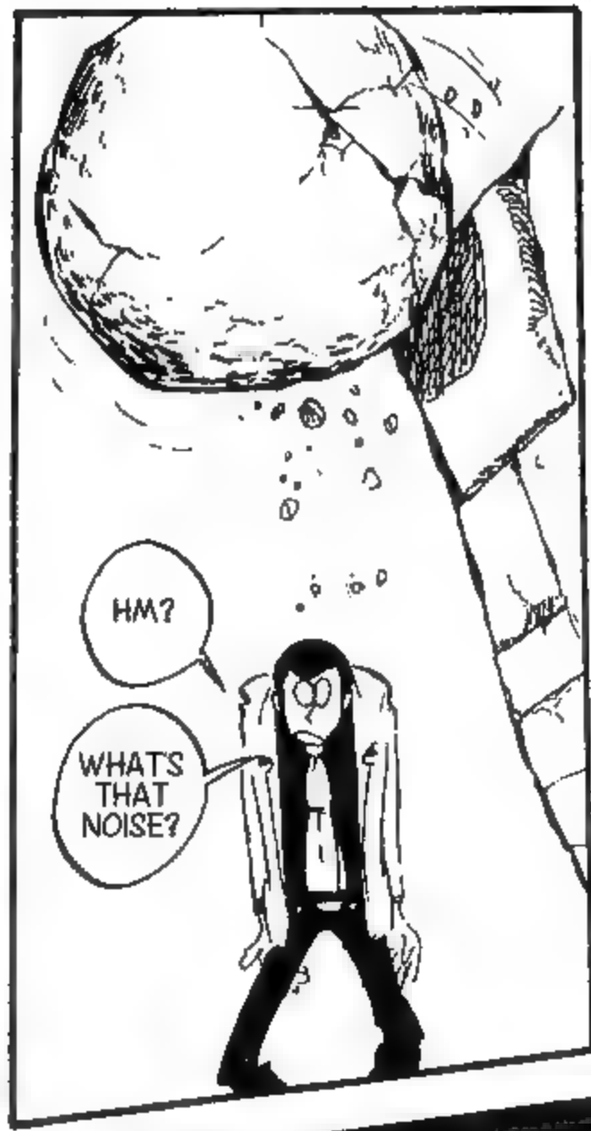
HELLOOOOO!!

TOO QUIET FOR MY TASTE.
EUREKA!!
THE ENTRANCE!

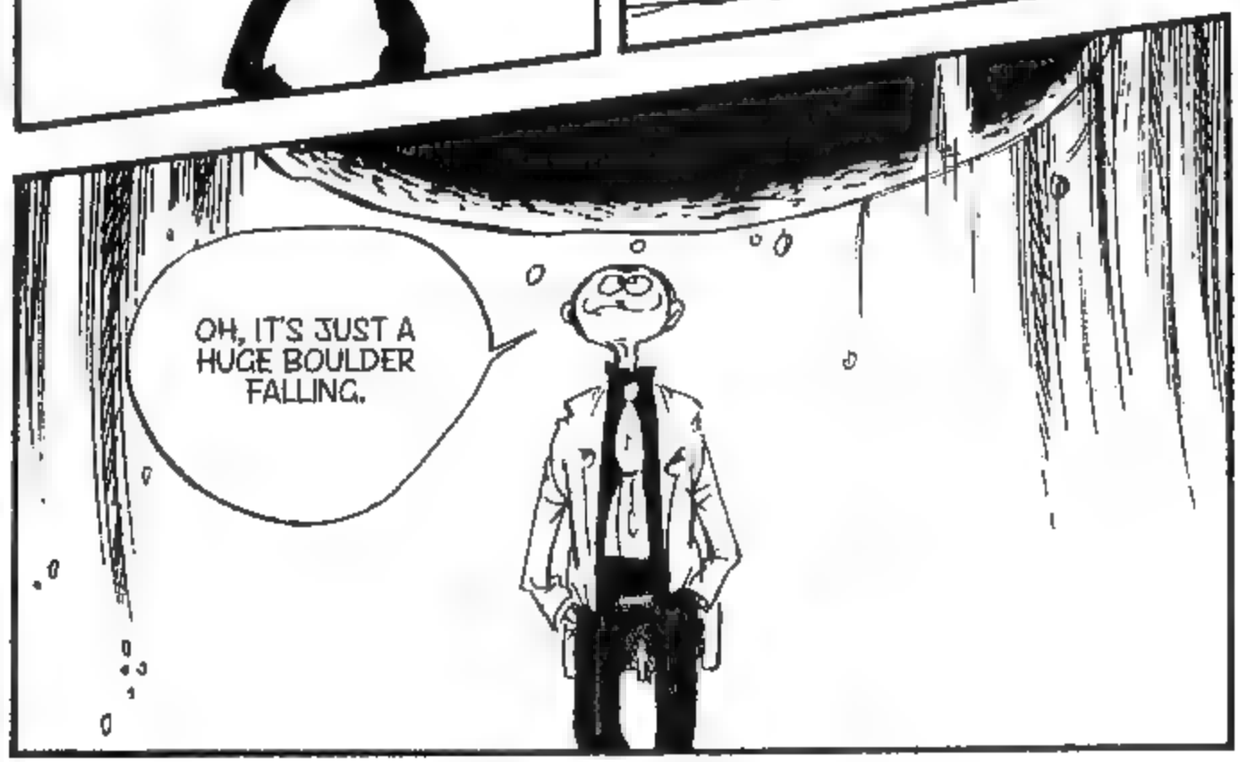
...OR I HEAR ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ...
NOW, EITHER THAT'S MY STOMACH GROWLING ...

OOPSY DAISY!

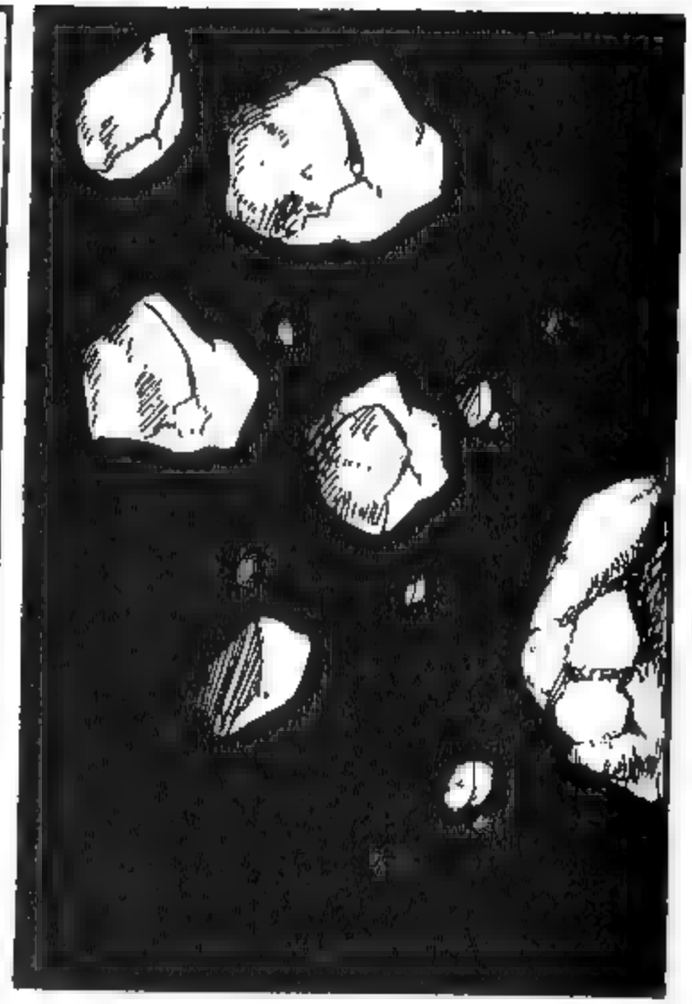

YEP. IT'S MY STOMACH.


HM?
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

THROUGH THE DOOR WITHOUT A HITCH.
HA HA HA!


OH, IT'S JUST A HUGE BOULDER FALLING.

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD.

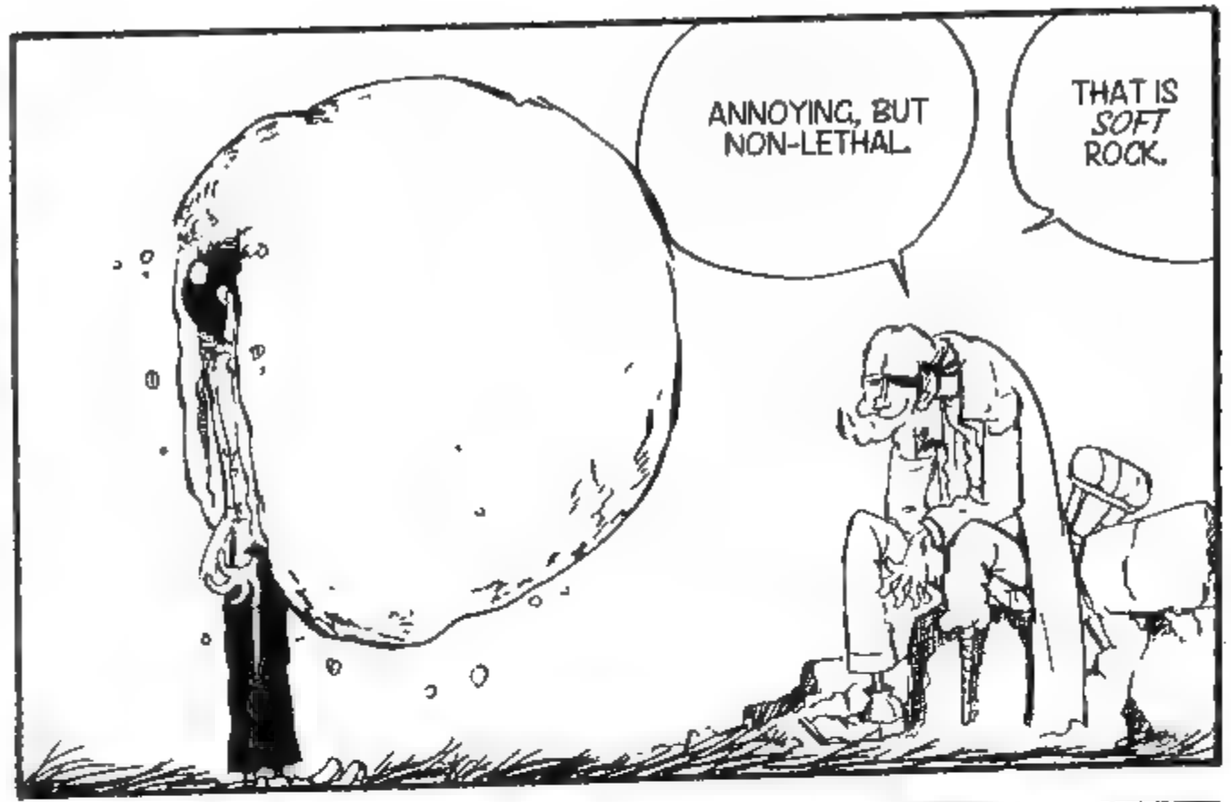


IT'S A DEAD END.

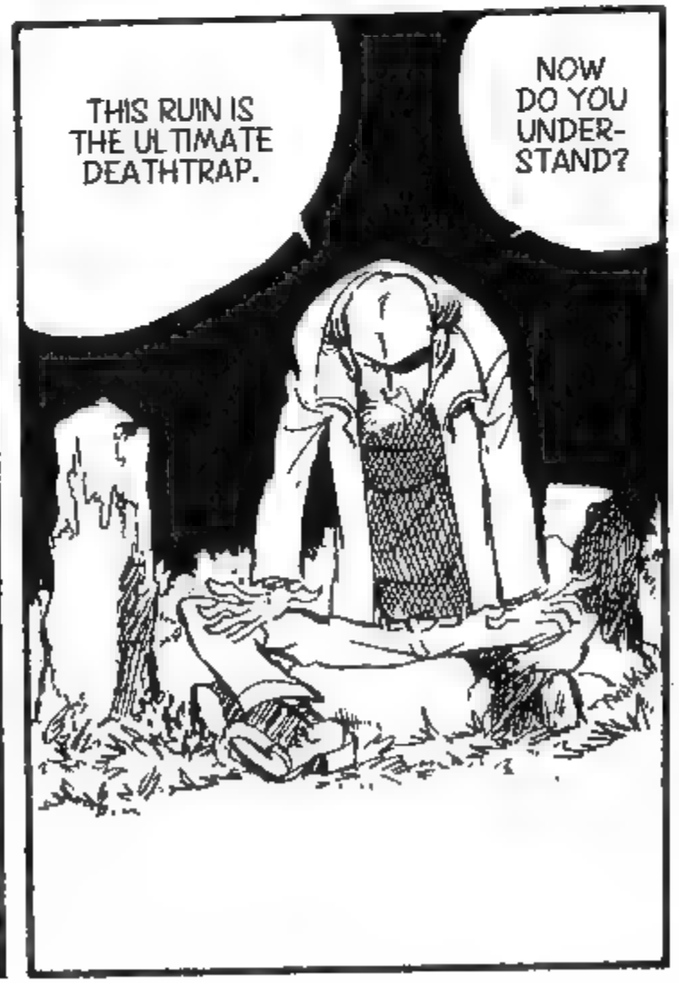
AHH GGG!!

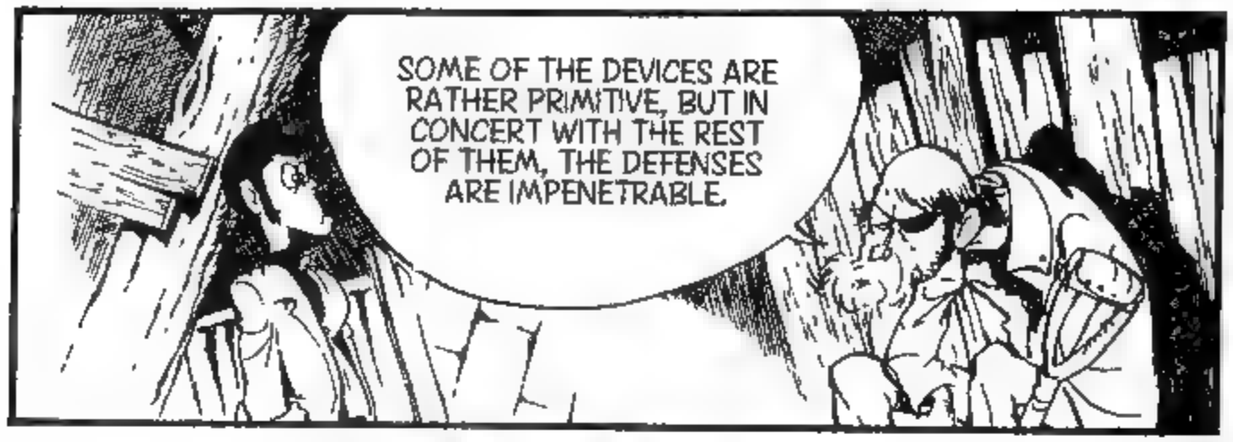
OH, PLEASE DON'T BE A DEAD END.

YOU ARE LUCKY, LUPIN.


ANNOYING, BUT NON-LETHAL.
THAT IS *SOFT* ROCK.

ANCIENT INHABITANTS OF THE CATACOMBS DESIGNED THESE TRAPS TO REPEL INVADERS.


THIS RUIN IS THE ULTIMATE DEATHTRAP.
NOW DO YOU UNDER-STAND?


SOME OF THE DEVICES ARE RATHER PRIMITIVE, BUT IN CONCERT WITH THE REST OF THEM, THE DEFENSES ARE IMPENETRABLE.

...EACH ONE DIRECTING THE INTRUDER TOWARD A GREATER DANGER.
THE TRAPS WORK IN SEQUENCE, YOU SEE...

DEEP WITHIN, HOWEVER, AN INCREDIBLE TREASURE WAITS FOR A MAN LUCKY ENOUGH TO CLAIM IT. OVER CENTURIES OF EXPEDITION, NO MAN HAS SURVIVED THE ANCIENTS' CUNNING.

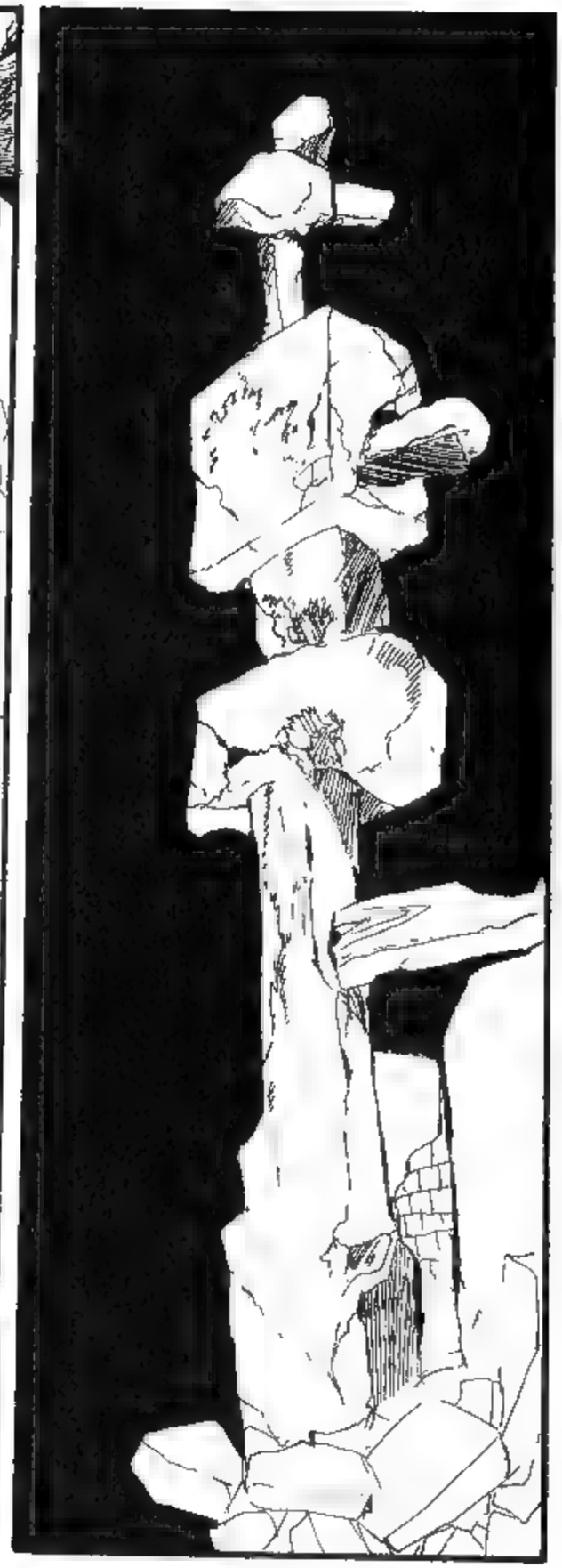
WHAT MAKES YOU ANY DIFFERENT?

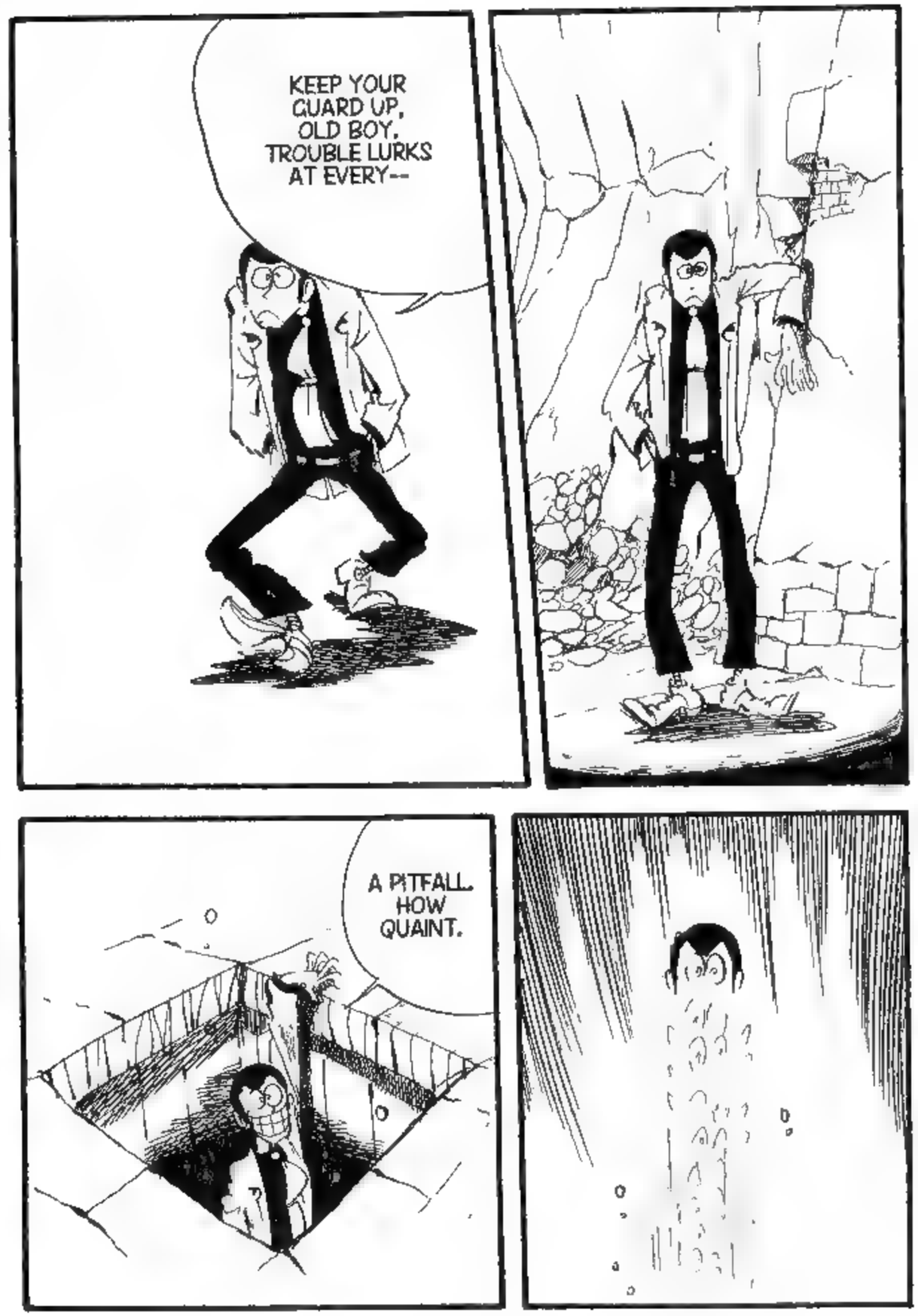
A CHALLENGE IT IS THEN!
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH FROM YOU.

I DON'T CARE FOR THE TREASURE, OLD-TIMER. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MATCH WITS WITH THE ANCIENTS.

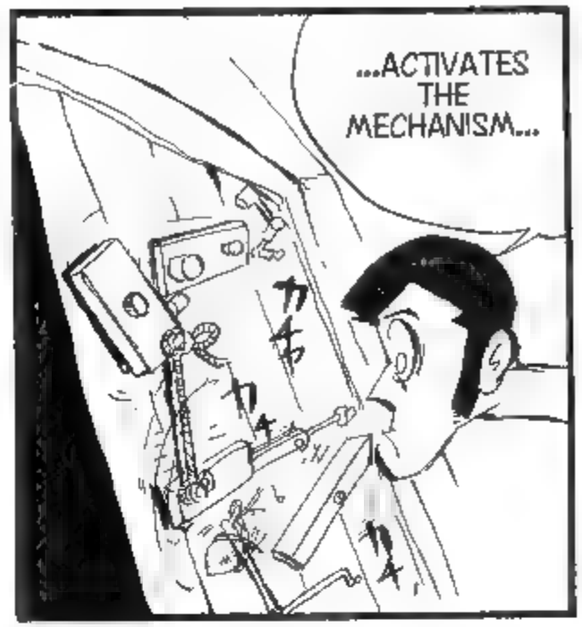
I WISH YOU LUCK.

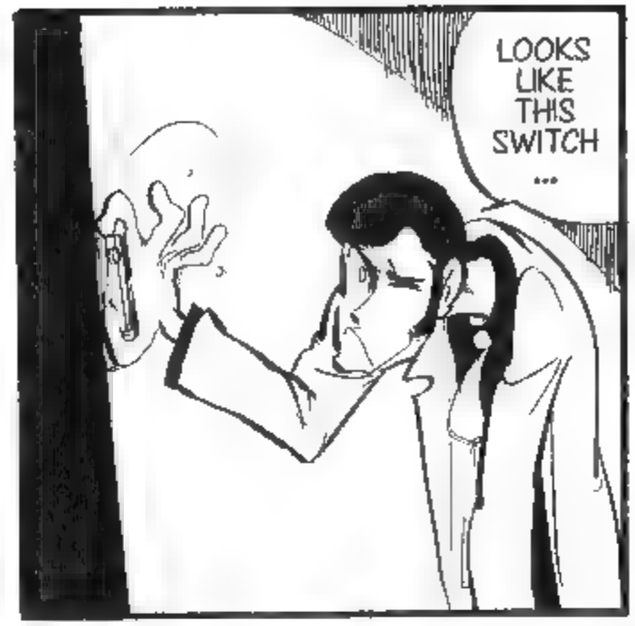
YOU'LL NEED IT.

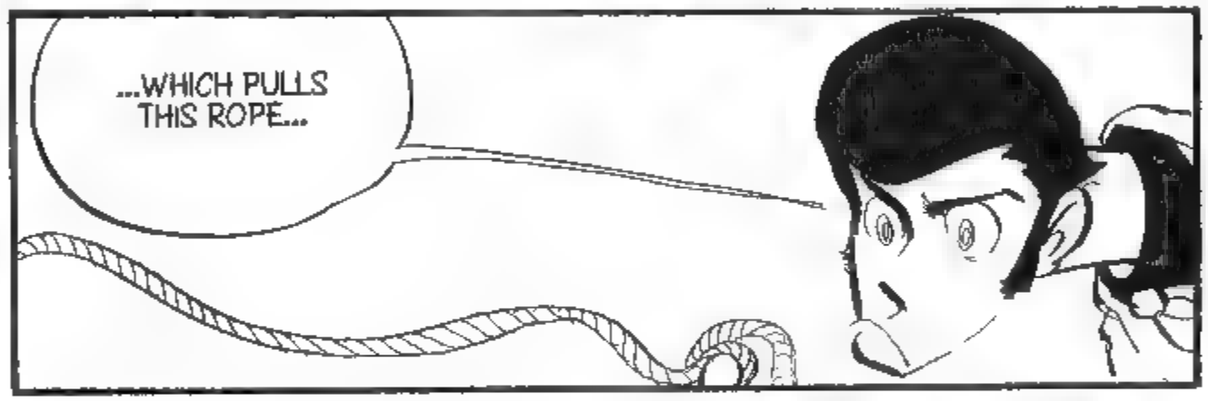


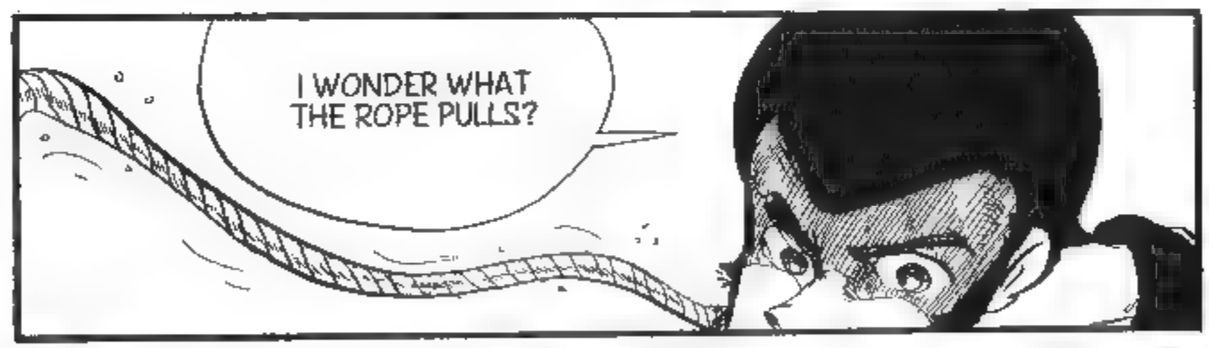

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, OLD BOY. TROUBLE LURKS AT EVERY--
A PITFALL. HOW QUAINT.

ENTRANCE NUMBER TWO.
LOOKS LIKE THIS ROOM IS TAKEN.
HELLO.
SOMETHING AKIN TO A MODERN SAFE.

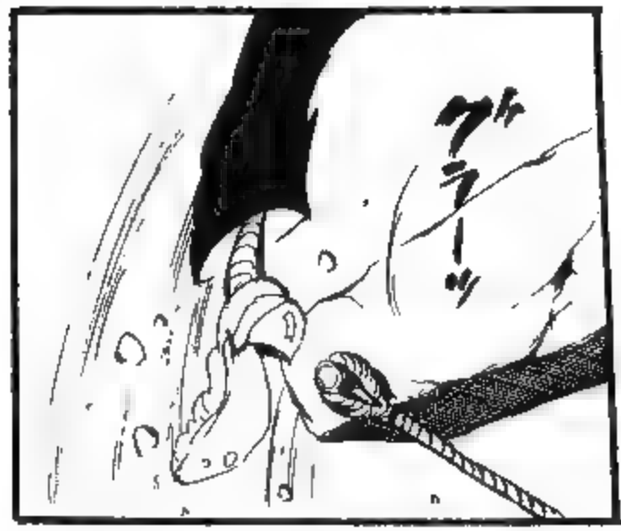

...ACTIVATES THE MECHANISM...


LOOKS LIKE THIS SWITCH ...


...WHICH PULLS THIS ROPE...


I WONDER WHAT THE ROPE PULLS?

STUPID QUESTION.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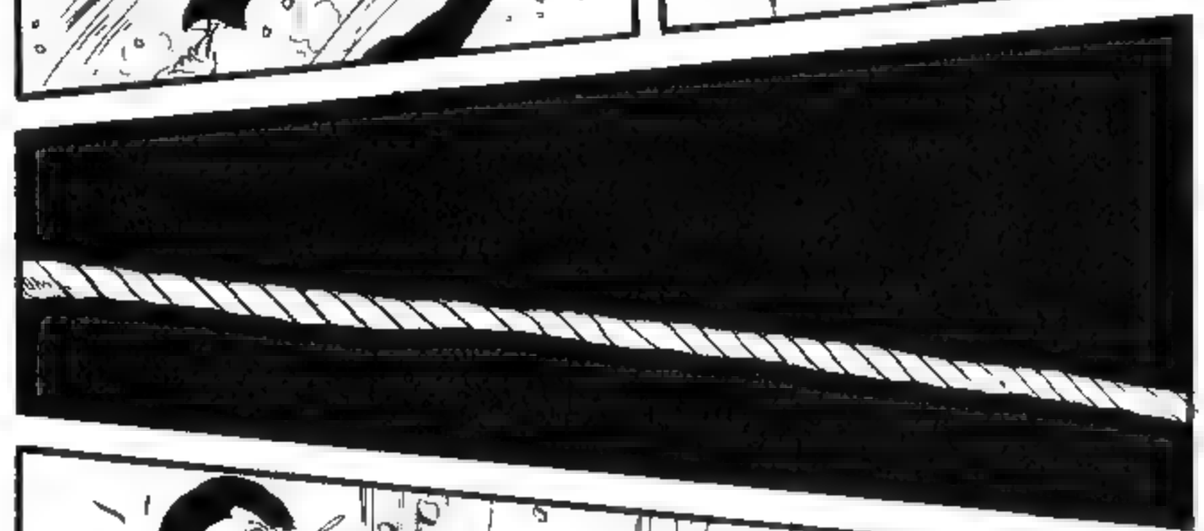
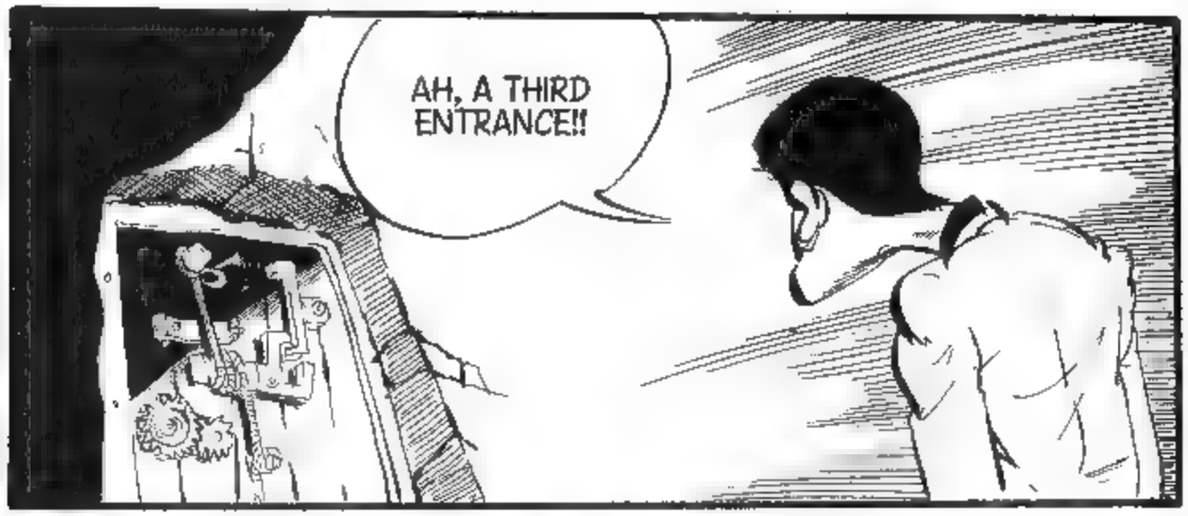
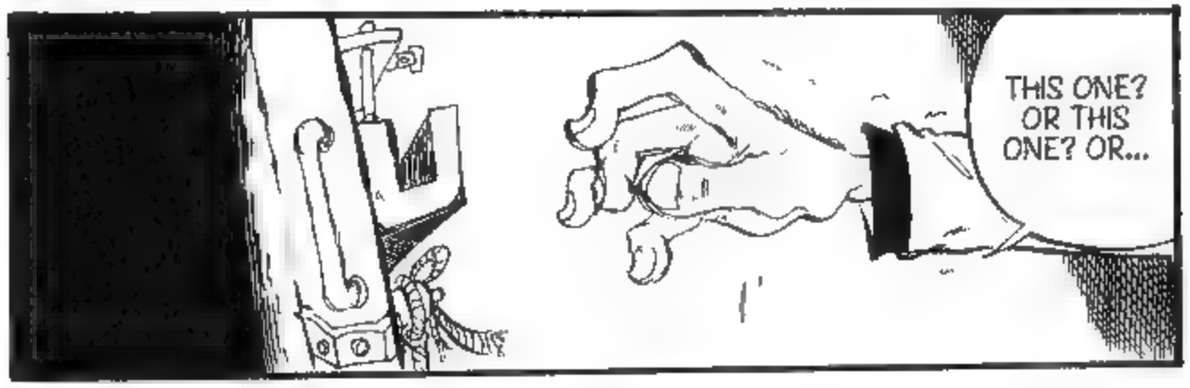


NOW I CAN'T GO BACKWARD OR FORWARD.

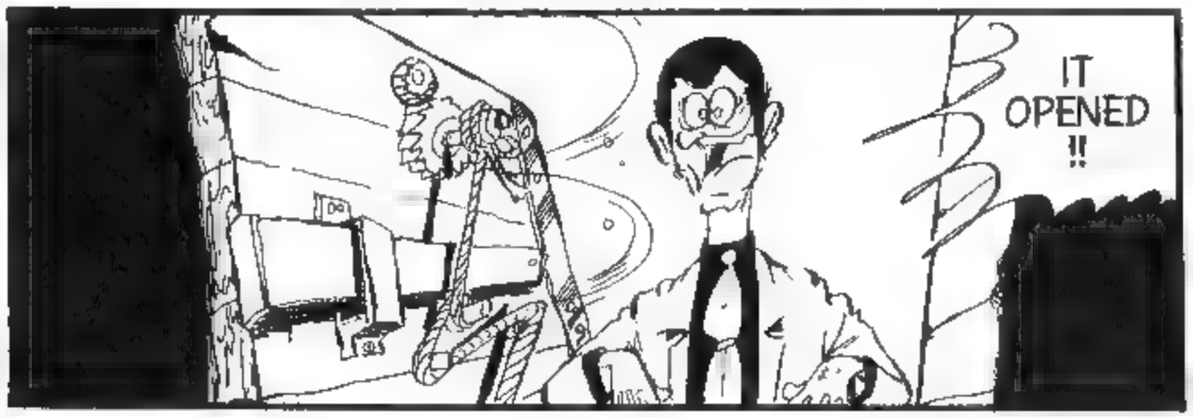
BLOODY HELL. THE ENTRANCE IS SEALED.


AH, A THIRD ENTRANCE!!

SIMILAR TO THE LAST ONE. LET'S SEE...


THIS ONE? OR THIS ONE? OR...

AW, SCREW IT! BRING IT ON!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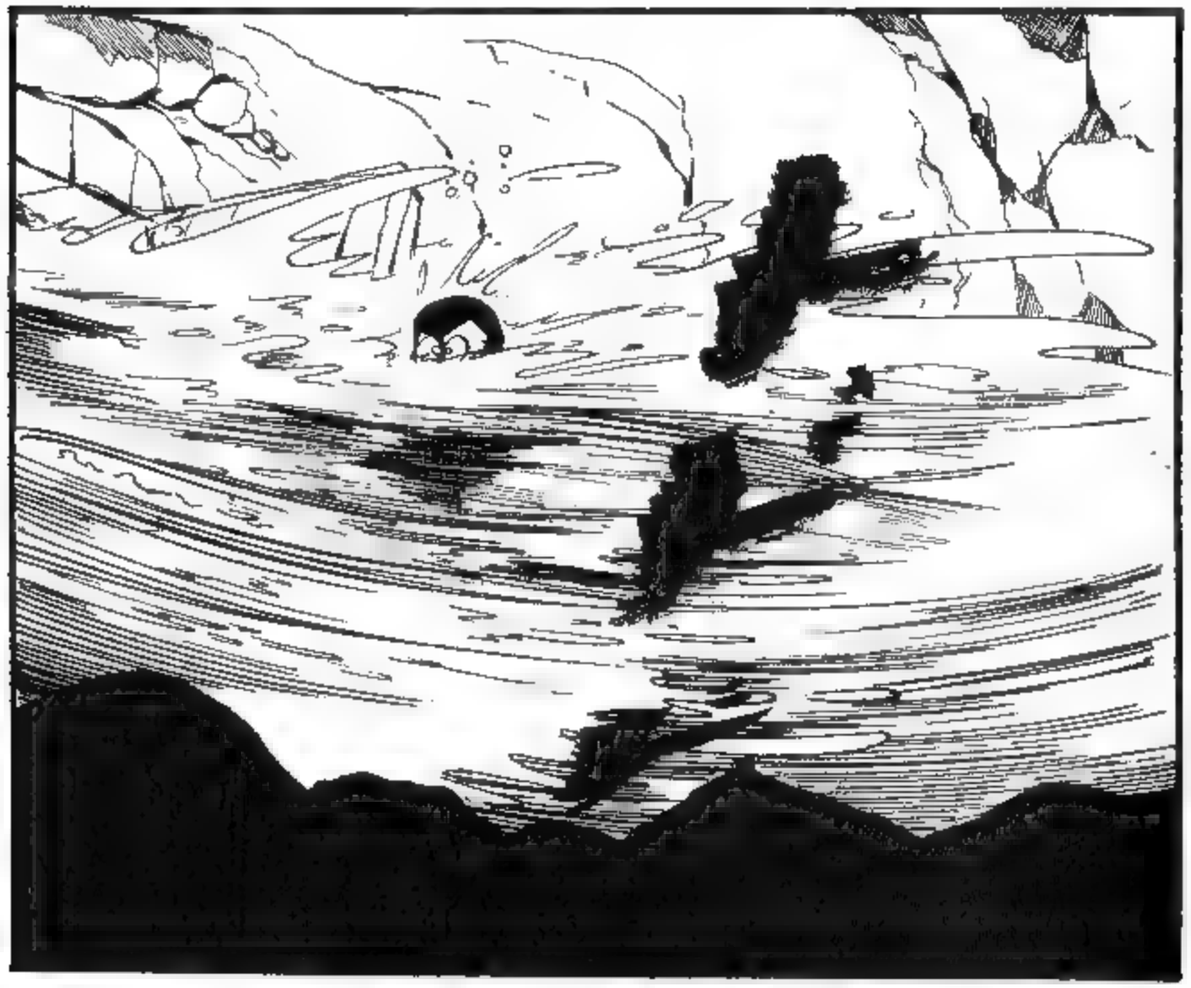
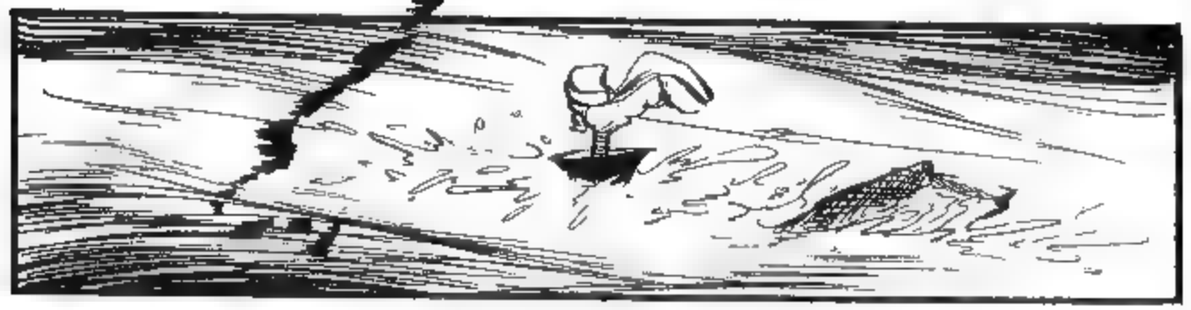
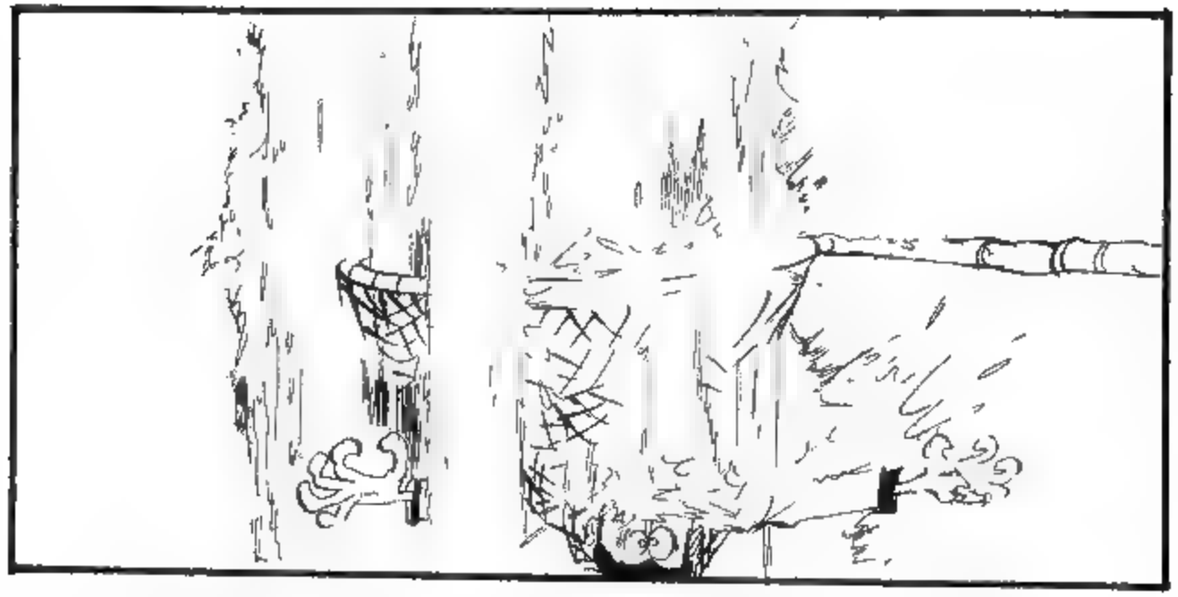






YOU ARE A LUCKY MAN AGAIN.

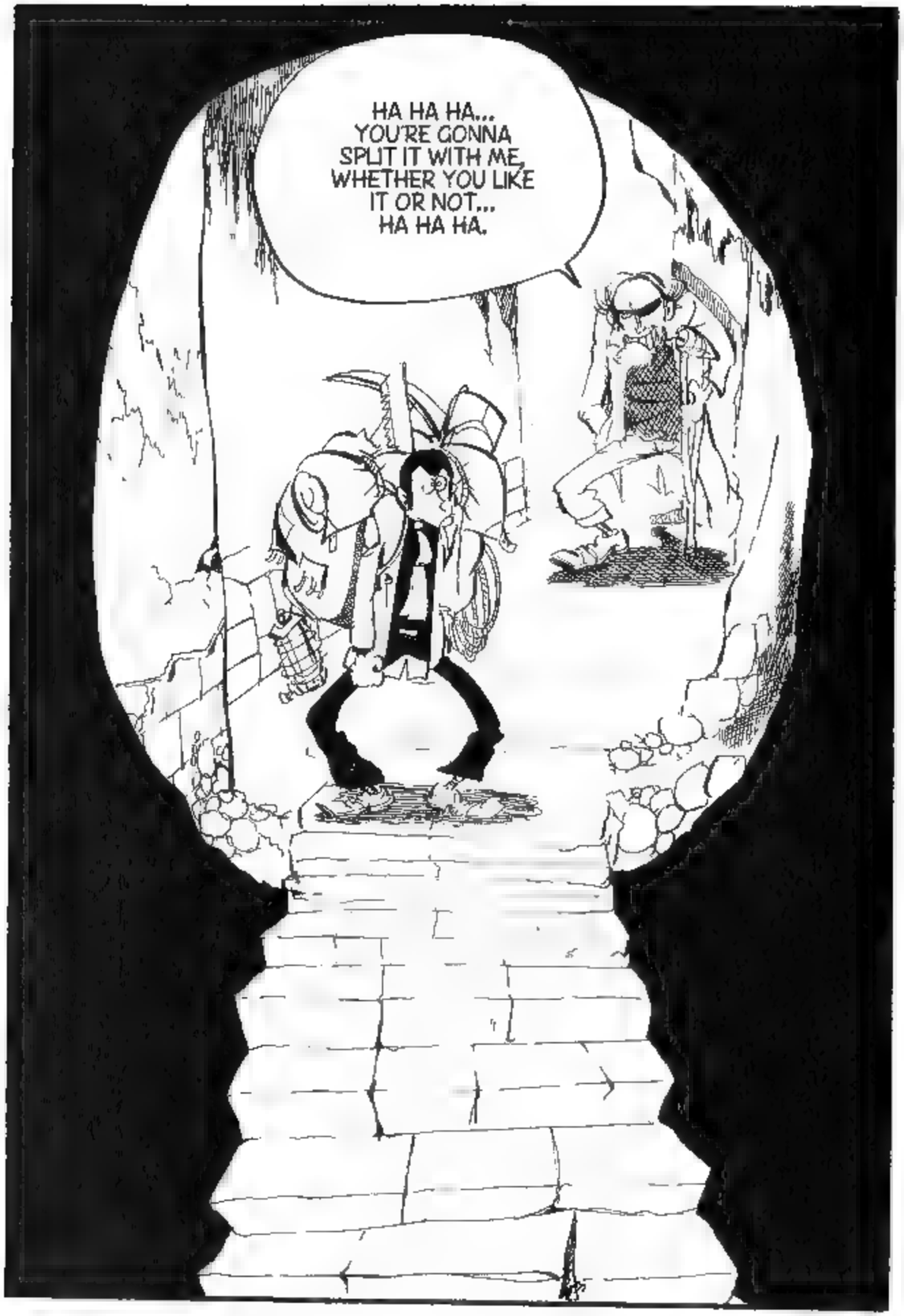
I DON'T USUALLY BRING MY NET.

MOST OF THE THRILL-SEEKERS WHO ENTER THE CATACOMBS GET FLUSHED OUT HERE.

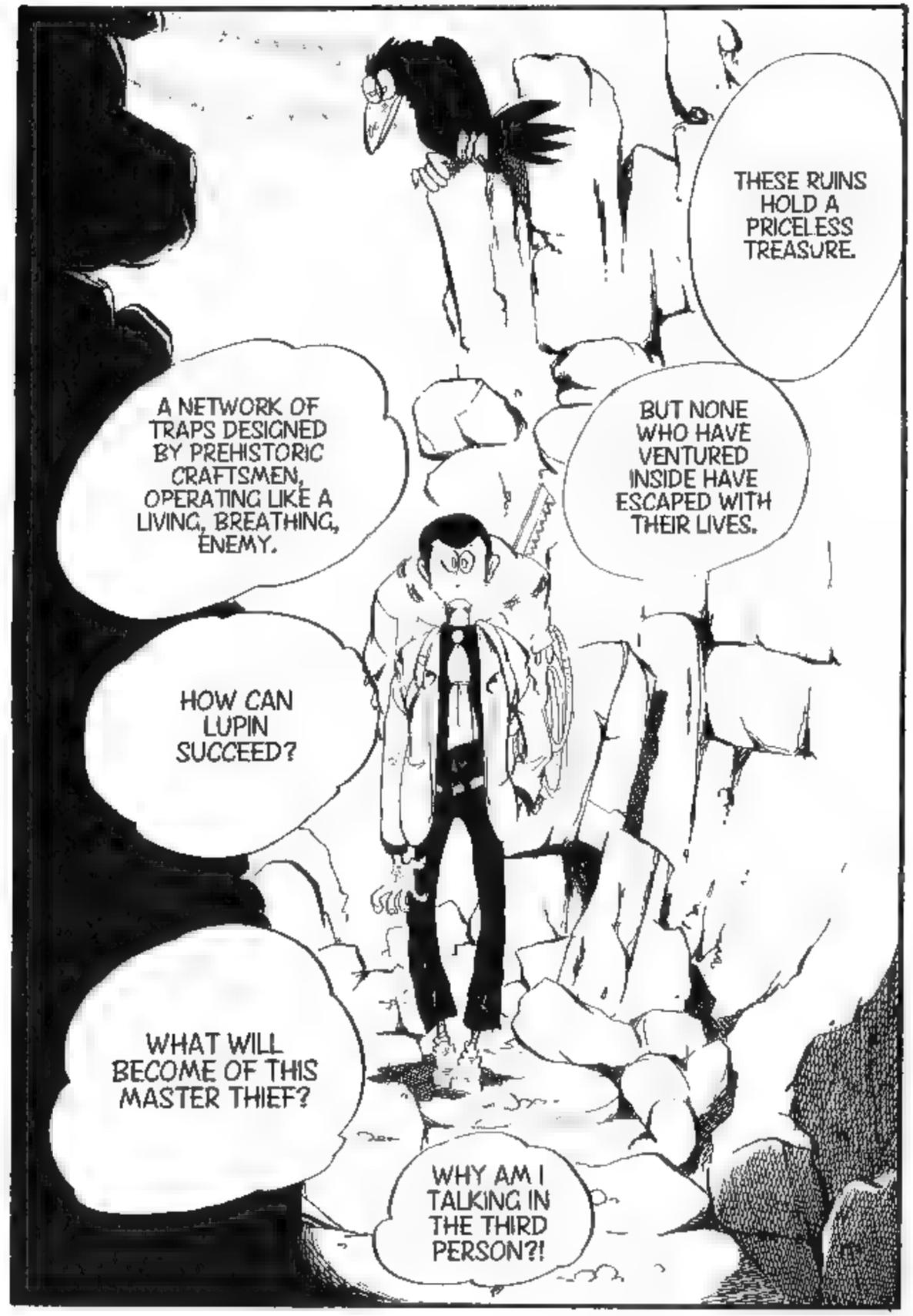
HA HA. YOU GOT IT. SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL TO ME.
AND IF YOU QUIT, I'LL OFFER IT TO SOMEONE ELSE.
HA HA. BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LOT TO LIVE FOR, SONNY.
...
...
...
...THEN YOU WALTZ IN AND TAKE THE TREASURE.
I RISK MY LIFE GETTING BY THE TRAPS...

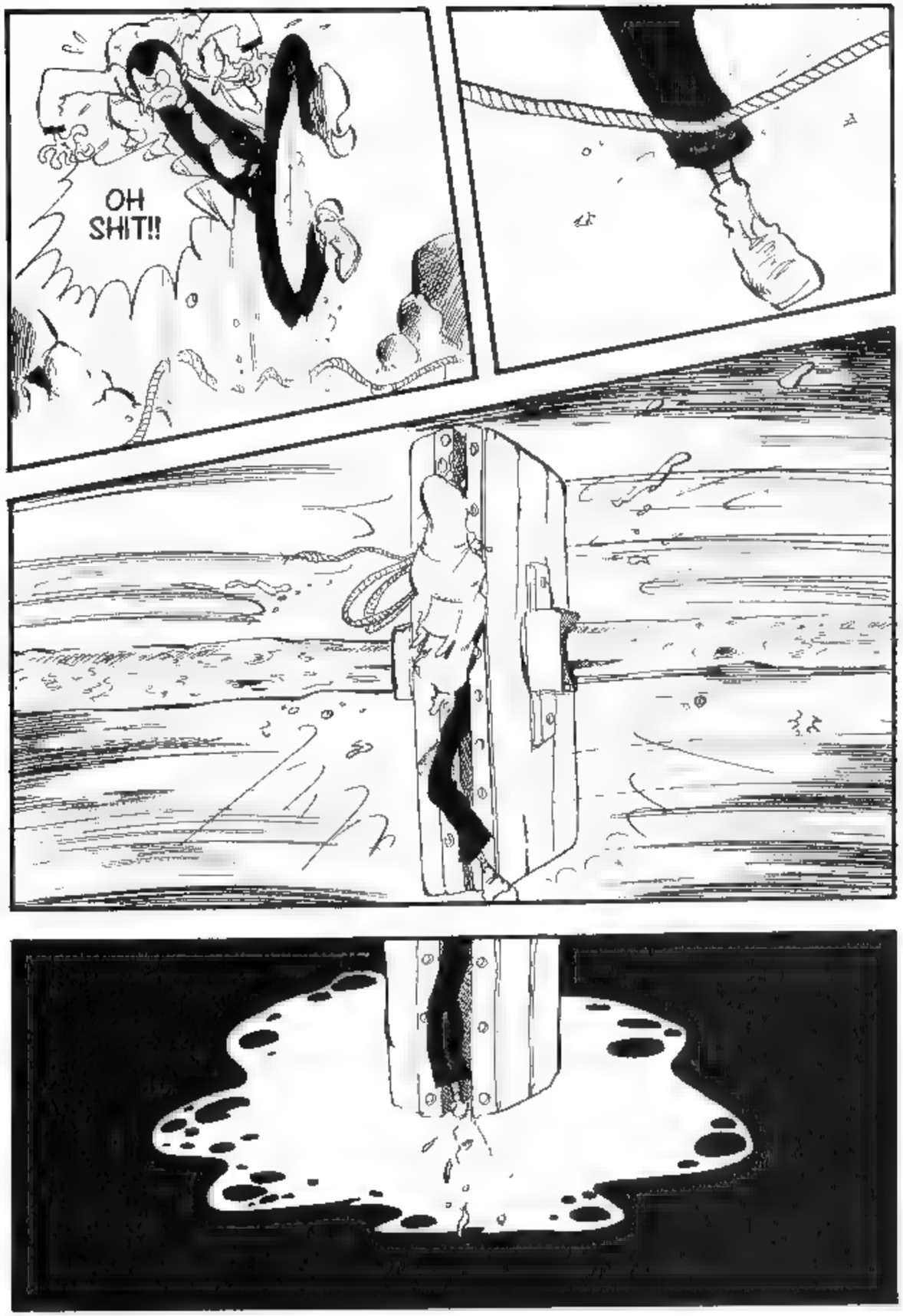
READY TO CALL IT QUITS?
BEFORE I DECIDE, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
IF YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE TRAPS IN THIS PLACE... WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO IN AND GET THE TREASURE YOURSELF?
RIGHT DOWN THE DRAIN.

I HAVE PREPARED FOR THAT POSSIBILITY.
WHAT IF I GET THE TREASURE AND REFUSE TO HAND IT OVER?
IT'S NOT A THREAT.
FORGET IT. YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME LIKE THAT.
AND JUST SO IT'S CLEAR, YOU WON'T GET A RED CENT.
BUT THIS TIME, I GO PREPARED.
WELL, THEN, I'LL GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY.


HA HA HA... YOU'RE GONNA SPLIT IT WITH ME, WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT... HA HA HA.

THAT DOESN'T LOOK SO BAD.


THESE RUINS HOLD A PRICELESS TREASURE.
A NETWORK OF TRAPS DESIGNED BY PREHISTORIC CRAFTSMEN, OPERATING LIKE A LIVING, BREATHING, ENEMY.
BUT NONE WHO HAVE VENTURED INSIDE HAVE ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES.
HOW CAN LUPIN SUCCEED?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THIS MASTER THIEF?
WHY AM I TALKING IN THE THIRD PERSON?!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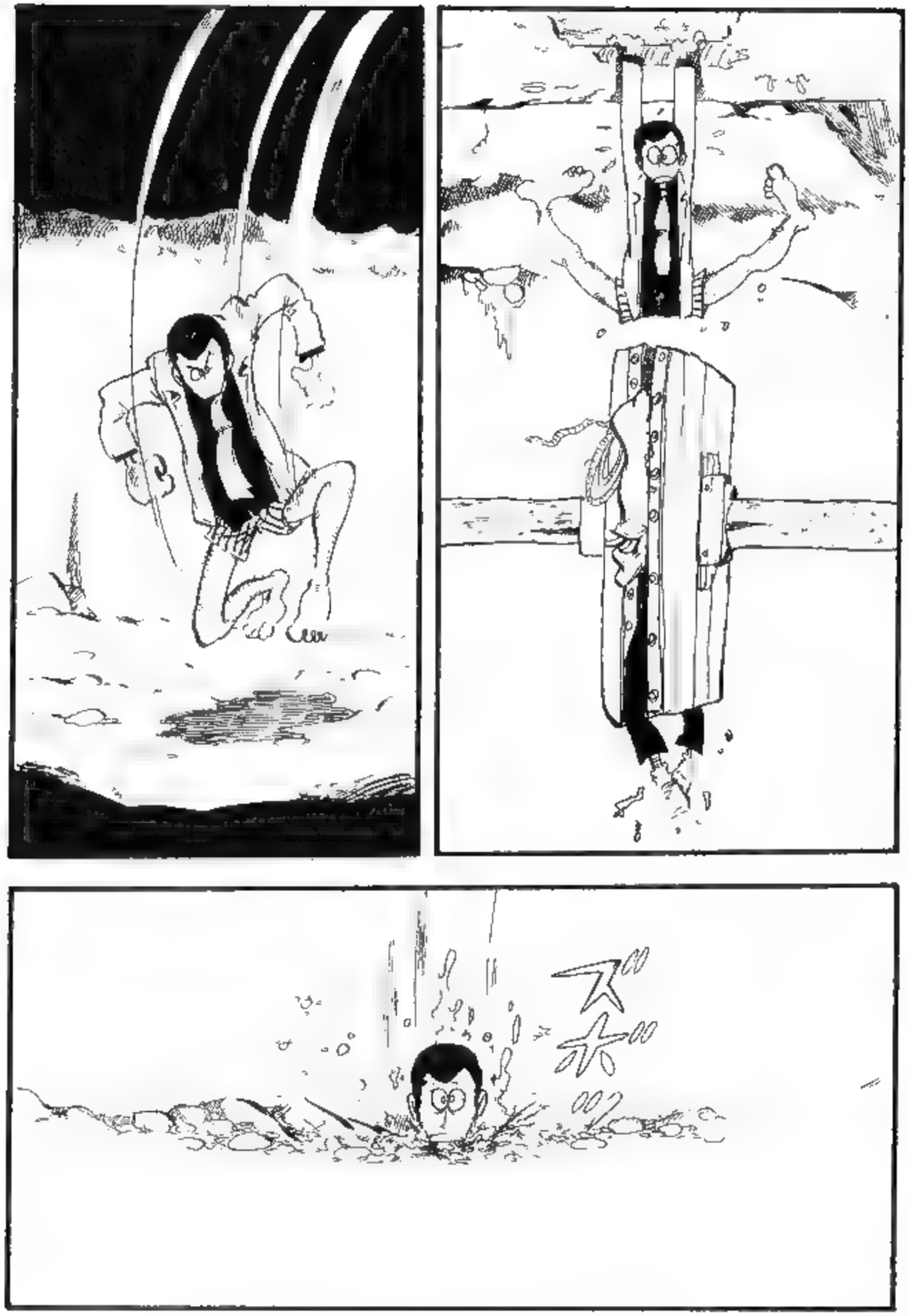
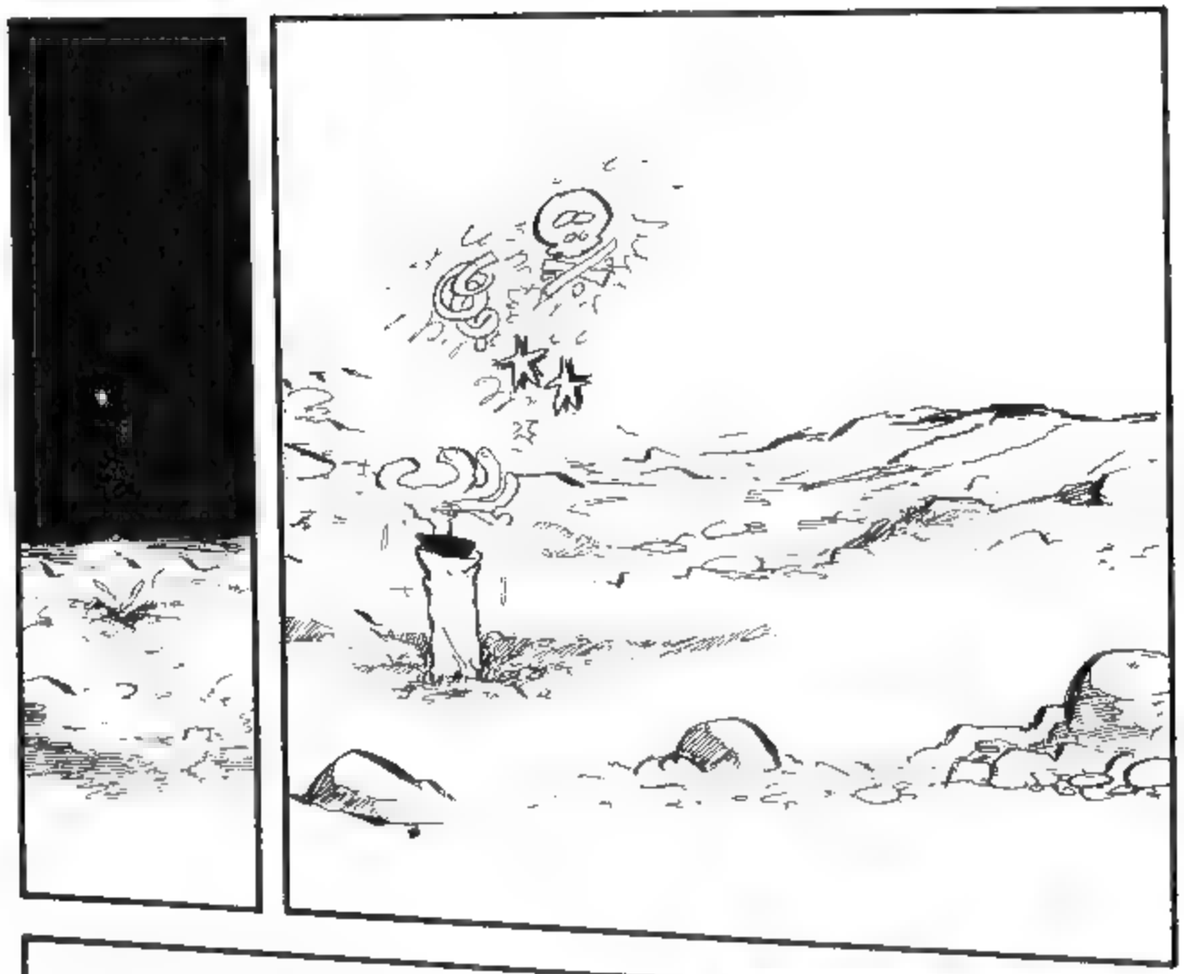
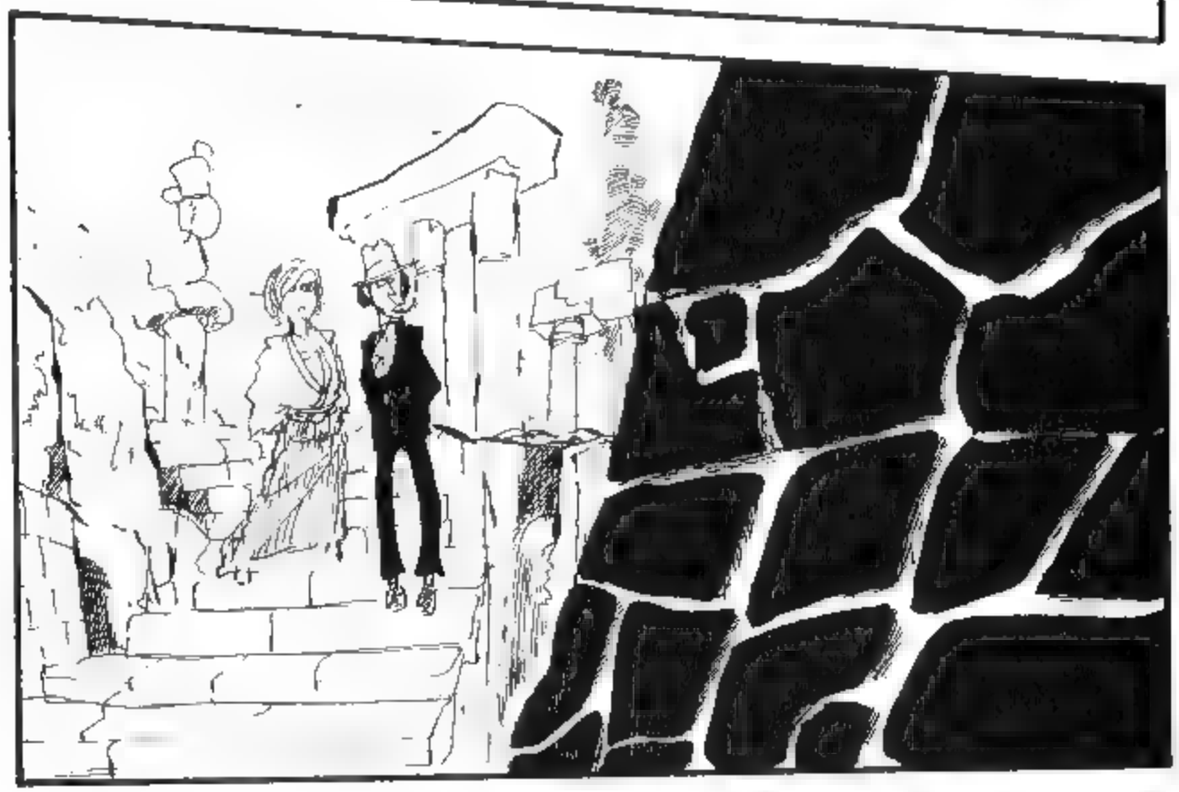


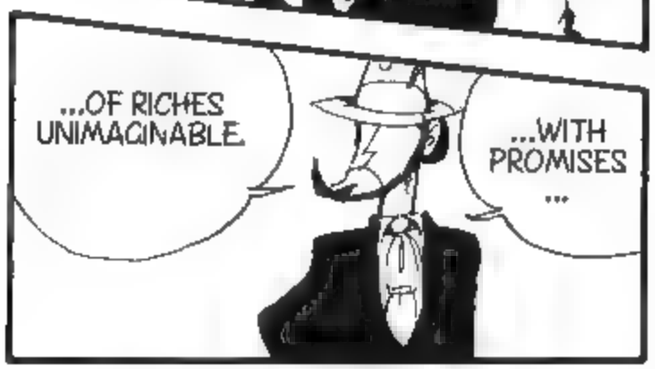


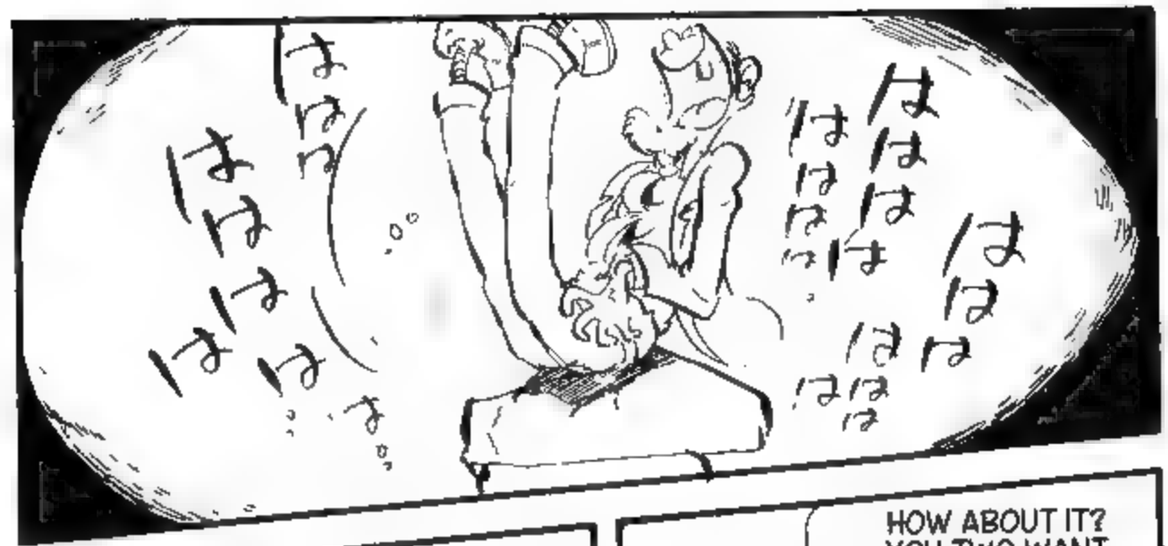


GIVING US THE SLIP YET AGAIN.
SO, LUPIN WENT IN ALONE.

WHO'S THAT?

IT'S HIM.
THE GUY WHO LURED LUPIN HERE...


...OF RICHES UNIMAGINABLE.
...WITH PROMISES ...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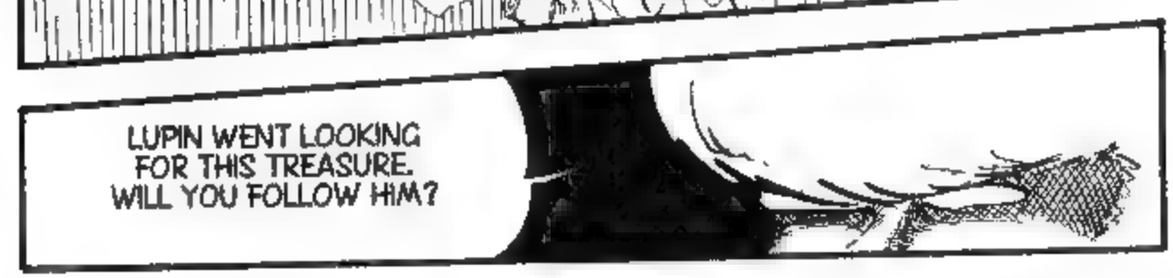
HOW ABOUT IT? YOU TWO WANT TO TRY YOUR LUCK?

...THAT NO LIVING EYES HAVE EVER SEEN.
INSIDE THESE RUINS IS A TREASURE...


LUPIN WENT LOOKING FOR THIS TREASURE. WILL YOU FOLLOW HIM?

HE OBVIOUSLY MADE IT THIS FAR.

THEN HE WENT THIS WAY!!

WHOA
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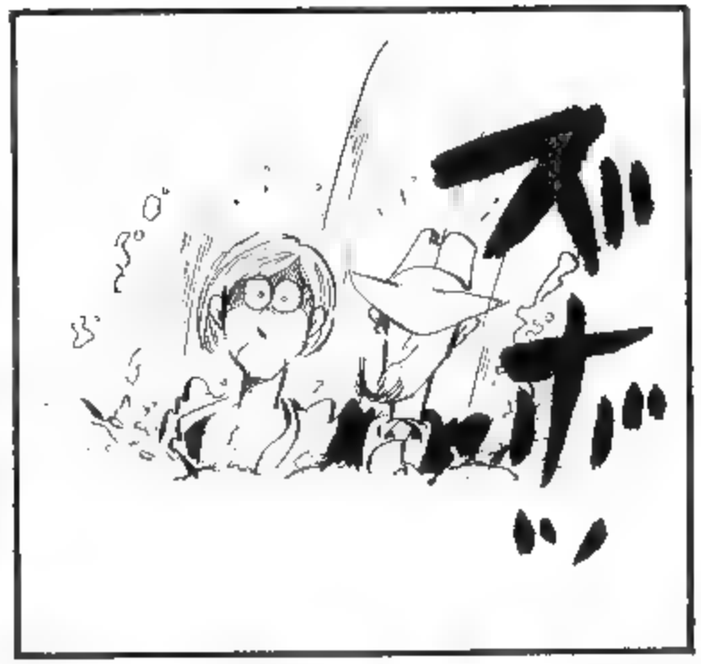

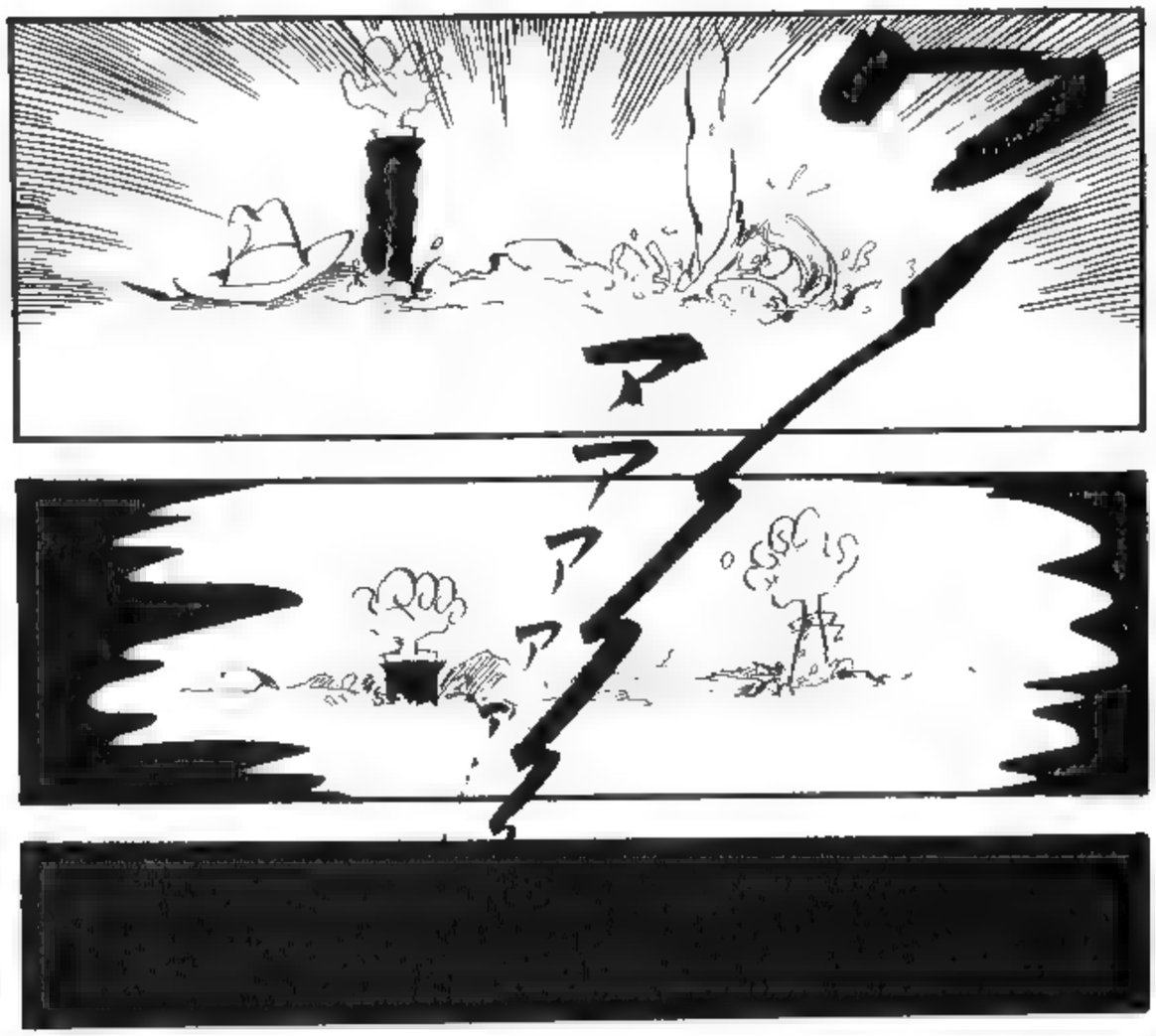
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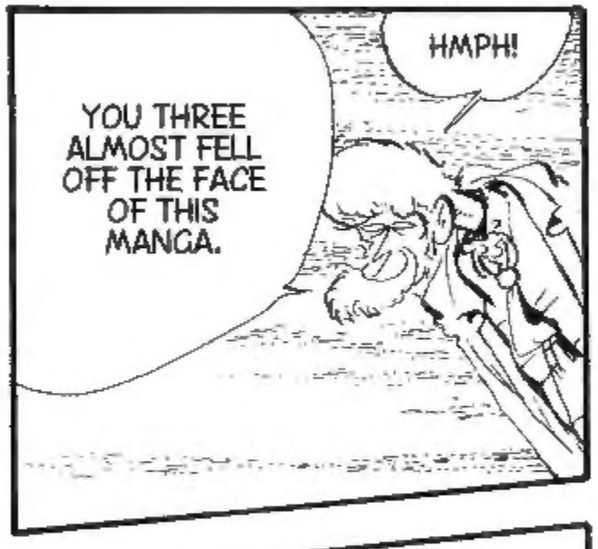
YOU THREE ALMOST FELL OFF THE FACE OF THIS MANGA.
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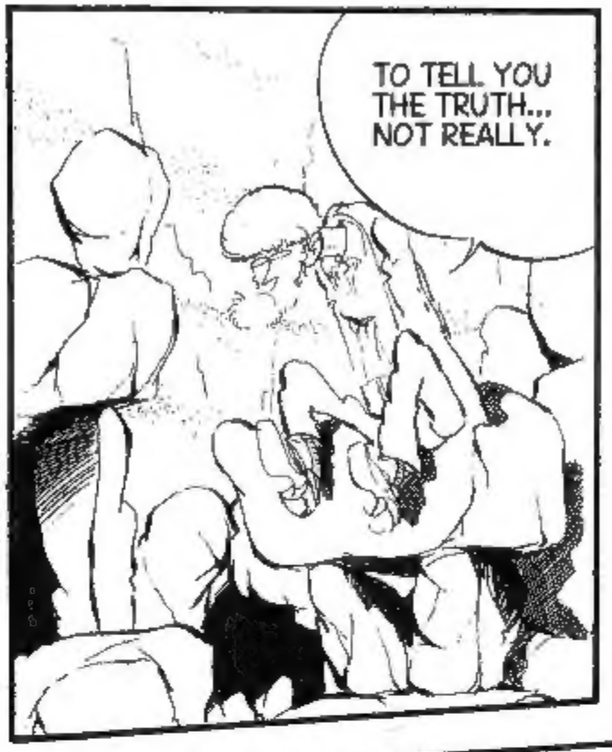

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH... NOT REALLY.

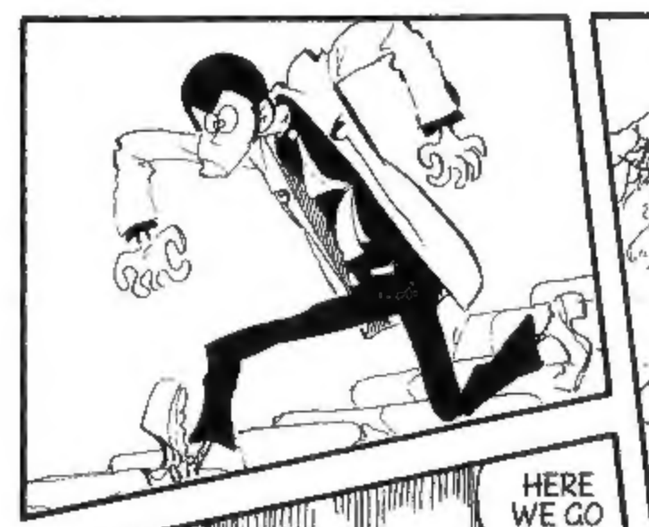
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S TREASURE IN HERE?

WHAT?! SO HELP ME, IF THIS WAS A TRICK...

THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW FOR SURE IS TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.

I DIDN'T SAY THERE WASN'T ANY.
HA HA HA!

I'M GOING IN!



HERE WE GO AGAIN.
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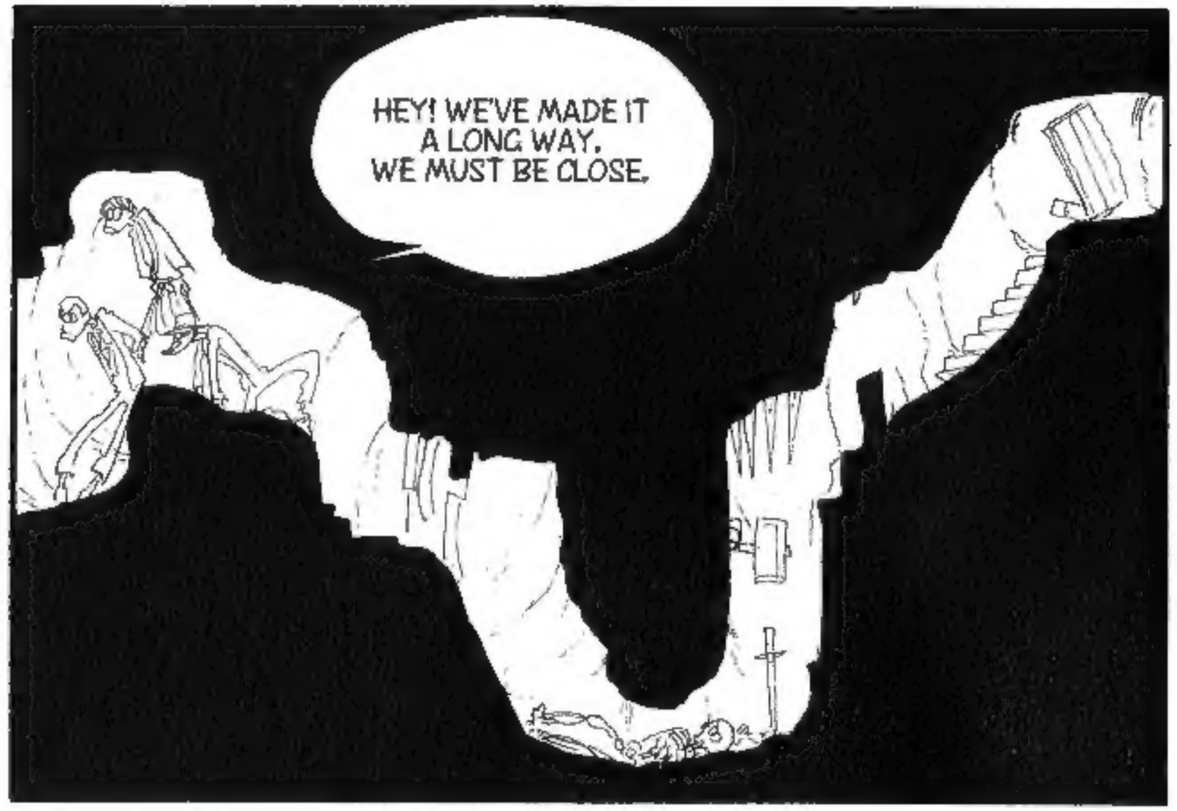
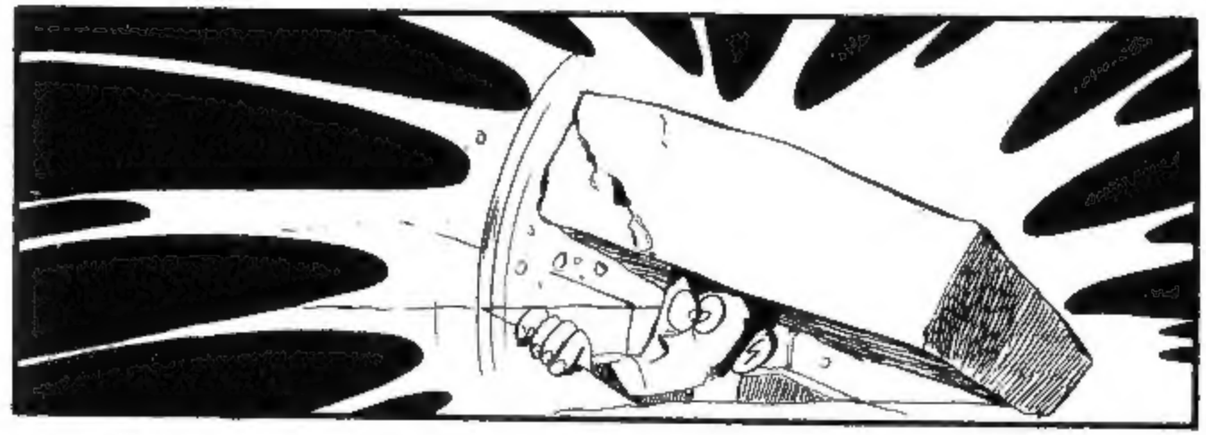
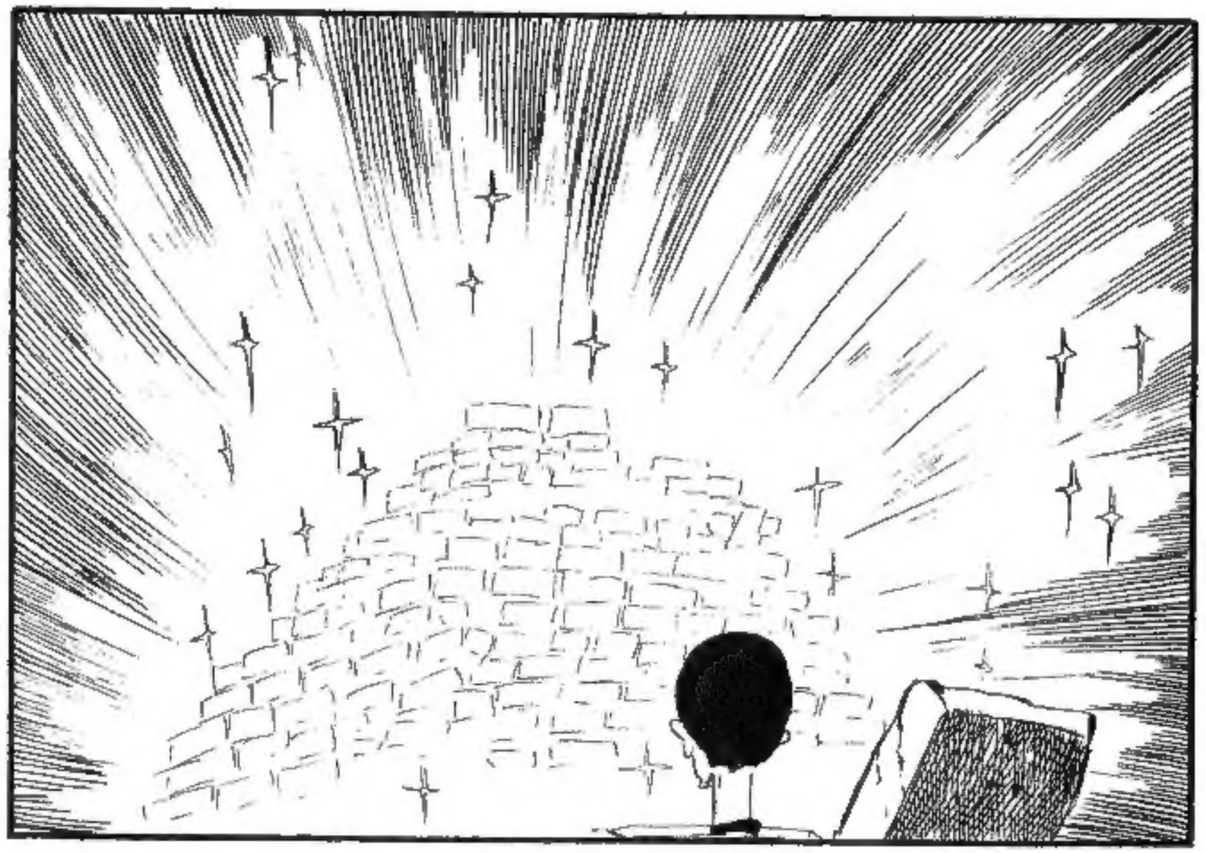
AND THIS TIME, I'LL BE *CAREFUL.*


HEY! WE'VE MADE IT A LONG WAY. WE MUST BE CLOSE.

I SEE. WE GO UP.

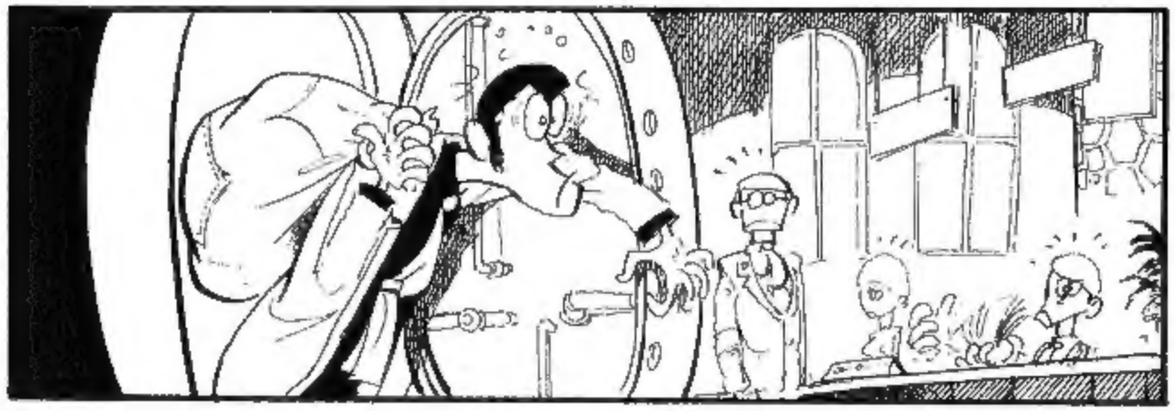
WHAT'S THIS? A DEAD END?



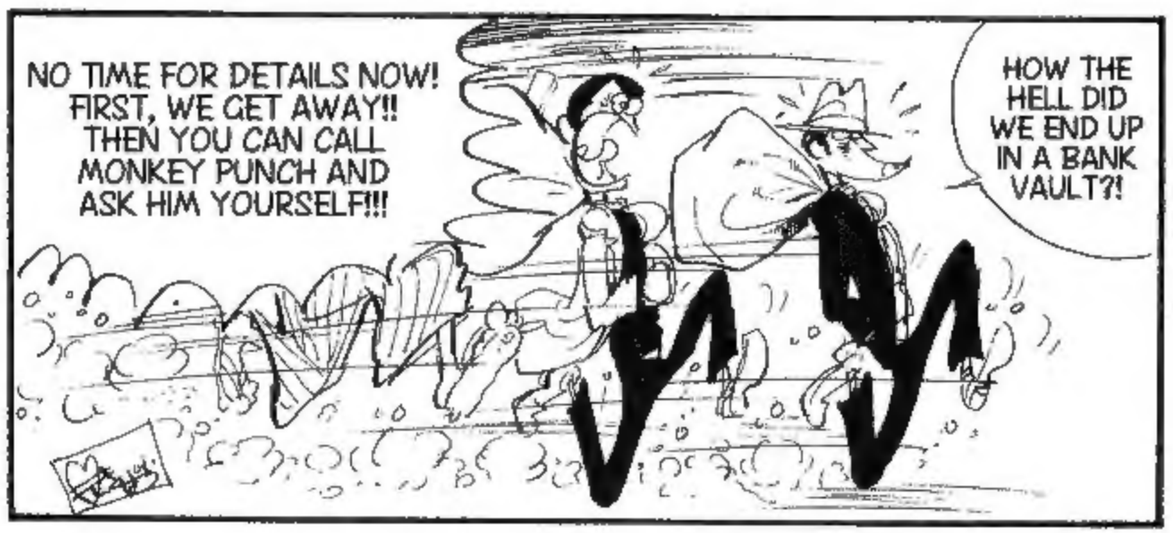


MY GOD! IT'S SOLID GOLD!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S BEHIND THIS DOOR!



BANK ROBBERS !!


NO TIME FOR DETAILS NOW! FIRST, WE GET AWAY!! THEN YOU CAN CALL MONKEY PUNCH AND ASK HIM YOURSELF!!!
HOW THE HELL DID WE END UP IN A BANK VAULT?!

LUPIN III

VOLUME 14 PREVIEW

When Lupin gets stuck in a magic bottle, he may need a woman's touch to pop his cork. But don't break out the champagne glasses just yet--Zenigata is about to unmask Lupin's true identity! To top it all, Lupin's having a hard time penetrating a seemingly impregnable apartment. Let's hope our macho man of mystery is not having performance anxiety as this zany series comes to a climax!